

## COMPASS ESL Placement Test Sample Items

### Listening Test

[Audio Recording]

Please come in.

Choose the correct picture.



### Reading Test

Read the paragraph about the emporium in Galveston.

Shoppers enter the **emporium**, which is on the ground floor, through the original 14-foot doors. You can eat a sandwich inside while sitting on a wooden seat at an umbrella-covered table, or you can buy meats and cheeses by the pound for a picnic on the beach. There is also a wide selection of Texas foods, beers, chocolates, books, baskets, and specialty coffees and teas. A wine room features Texas, U.S., and international wines. (Adapted from Ann Gallaway, "A Present from the Past." ©1994 by Texas Highways)

1. In the passage, what does the highlighted word "emporium" mean?

- A. Store  
 B. Beach  
 C. Bar  
 D. Hotel

### Grammar/Usage Test

Our children enjoy this garden. \_\_\_\_\_ it every day.

- A. They visit  
 B. Visit they do  
 C. Visit they  
 D. Visit do they

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