

Reading comprehension

Task 1:

Find the pair of these definitions (A-I) from the list (0-9). See the example.
There is an extra word you don't need.

- A something girls and women wear, can be long or short
B a piece of furniture to sit on, usually it has four legs
C a woman who has children
D a small animal with soft fur and claws, often kept as a pet
E the end of the day and early part of the night
F a tall plant with a wooden trunk and branches
G a room where people cook and eat
H a meal you eat in the middle of the day
I a grass-eating animal kept for its wool and meat

- 0 skirt
1 sheep
2 mother
3 lunch

- 4 rat
5 tree
6 kitchen
7 evening

- 8 cat
9 chair

Put your answers in here:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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Choose from answers 1, 2, 3 or 4. See the example.

- 1 on a computer
- 2 in a street
- 3 in a bedroom
- 4 at a circus

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Task 3:

This is an interview with a boy in a magazine.

Match the questions (A-I) with the answers (0-9). There is an extra answer you don't need. See the example.

- A What's your name?
- B Where are you from?
- C Do you have any sisters or brothers?
- D Do you have any pets?
- E What's your hobby?
- F What's your favourite food?
- G Any food you dislike?
- H What school subjects do you like?
- I Any you don't like?

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- 0 James Thompson.
 - 1 Hanging out with friends, computer games and horror movies.
 - 2 Well, I like Mexican and Thai food. And ice-cream.
 - 3 A sister, Jessica, she's sixteen.
 - 4 Science and P E, I really love ball games.
 - 5 Twelve, almost thirteen.
 - 6 Seafood, fish, they smell awful.
 - 7 Math and English.
 - 8 I live on a farm near Barnstaple.
 - 9 Two guinea pigs and a horse.

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Task 4:

Read the following quiz questions (A-H) and find the right answer (0-8).

There is one extra answer you don't need. See the example.

- A Why do whales migrate?
- B How old was the oldest horse in the world?
- C What season is it in December in Australia?
- D Where is the world's largest football stadium?

- E How do spiders catch insects?
- F Why are many flowers red or yellow?
- G Why do not many animals live in the Sahara Desert?
- H Which cat runs the fastest?

0 Because they breed in warmer waters. The northern populations move south to summer breeding grounds, and the southern populations move north, but they never meet.

1 The greatest age recorded is 62 years in the case of "Billy". He lived on Wild Grave Farm and died on 27 November 1822.

2 It is made from the crushed leaves of an evergreen bush, which grows in hot, damp climates. It was first brought to Europe from China. As the drink became fashionable, plantations of bushes were planted in Indonesia and India.

3 The cheetah is one of the speediest of all animals over short distances. It has been timed running at 105 km/h over 100 metres.

4 It's a way of attracting bees, flies, butterflies and other insects.

5 It is extremely hot and there is no water. Also, they do not find food very easily.

6 It is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where 205,000 people can watch a match and 155,000 can be seated.

7 The hottest summer, just like July or August in Europe.

8 They make a fine net of sticky threads called cobweb in corners in houses and gardens.

(Source: Giant Book of Questions and Answers. 1999. Bath: Parragon.)

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Task 5:

These are titles of children's books (A - I) and short texts (0 - 9) on what the books are about.

Match the titles with the texts. See the example. There is an extra text you don't need.

A Doctor Dolittle's Circus
B Homes
C Goodnight Moon
D The Secret Birthday Message
E Fantastic Mr Fox

F Family Tree Detectives
G The Ladybird Dictionary
H Best Cat Book Ever
I The Usborn Children's Encyclopedia

0 "I can talk to horses in their own language and understand them when they talk back to me." This is the beginning of this fascinating story about some animals and their best friend. It tells you all about the way they made a lot of money.

1 This book is ideal for ages 6 to 12. It is a colourful collection of information, facts, and explanations. The topics include science, animals, history, and many others.

2 Today Tim is 12. Instead of a package, he gets a mysterious letter. It begins: "When the moon comes up, look for the biggest star." Tim - and the reader - are off, following the clues. At the end of the treasure hunt is a wonderful surprise!

3 This is a story about a very smart animal. Boggis, Bunce and Bean are three farmers and they want to get him. They set out to hunt him down with their guns loaded, but this clever animal has other plans.

4 You will love this colourful and informative book about one of the world's most popular pets. It is

packed with pet care information and pictures.

5 This book is full of information on English. It includes 4000 words, colourful illustrations, and even new words. A special symbol helps with spelling.

6 It's dinnertime and the zoo animals are very hungry. "I am hungry. When can I eat?" they all ask. The zookeeper fills each plate with a lot of food. When she is ready, they all sit down and eat dinner together.

7 This classic bedtime story, which has lulled generations of children to sleep, is the perfect first book to share with a child.

8 Where do horses live? Who lives in a castle, a nest, or an igloo? Where do dogs and bears sleep? This lovely illustrated book tells you all the answers.

9 Are you interested in finding out where your parents came from? Do you know what your grandparents did for fun as children? Do you want to know more about your family's story? Then this book is for you.

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