



READING COMPREHENSION.

THE ROCKET (1829)

GEORGE AND ROBERT STEPHENSON BUILT THE FIRST STEAM TRAIN, "THE ROCKET", IN 1829. THE TRAINS HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS AND THEY WERE VERY SLOW! IN 1830 THERE WAS A FAMOUS RACE BETWEEN A TRAIN AND A HORSE – THE HORSE WAS FASTER AND WON!

BY 1870, TRAINS BECAME MORE POPULAR AND EASIER TO RUN. BY 1895, PEOPLE STARTED USING ELECTRIC TRAINS. ELECTRIC TRAINS WERE CLEANER AND QUIETER THAN STEAM TRAINS. BY 1920, MOST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE HAD RAILWAYS. TODAY, THERE ARE RAILWAYS ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE FASTEST TRAINS IN THE WORLD ARE IN FRANCE! THE LONGEST RAILWAY IN THE WORLD IS IN RUSSIA! SOME OF THE BEST AND MOST COMFORTABLE TRAINS ARE IN JAPAN AND EUROPE. ON THESE TRAINS YOU CAN FIND BEDS, RESTAURANTS, GIFT SHOPS AND EVEN HAIRDRESSERS'!

THESE DAYS, TRAVELLING BY TRAIN IS DEFINITELY FASTER THAN RIDING A HORSE!

WRITE "TRUE" OR "FALSE":



- 1) Robert Stephenson didn't make the first steam engine. _____
- 2) The first trains had a lot of problems, but they were fast. _____
- 3) In 1830 a horse won a race to a train. _____
- 4) Steam trains were noisier and dirtier than electric trains. _____
- 5) Japan and Europe don't have good trains. _____



Complete the sentences using the correct word.

- 1) DINOSAURS _____ EGGS AND HAD SCALES.
A) LAY B) LAID C) LAYS
- 2) THE KOMODO DRAGON IS A LARGE REPTILE THAT _____ ON A FEW ISLANDS OF INDONESIA.
A) LIVED B) LIVE C) LIVES
- 3) THE LAST PYRENEAN IBEX _____ IN JANUARY 2000.
A) DIED B) IS DYING C) DIE
- 4) _____ DID THE GOLDEN TOAD LIVE? IN COSTA RICA.
A) WHERE B) WHEN C) WHAT
- 5) _____ IS THE EGYPTIAN TORTOISE? IT'S ONLY 10 CENTIMETRES LONG WHEN THEY'RE FULLY GROWN.
A) HOW LONG B) WHY C) HOW MANY
- 6) _____ TELEPHONES IN THE PAST?
A) DID PEOPLE HAD B) DID PEOPLE HAVE C) DID PEOPLE HAS
- 7) PEOPLE _____ READ BY CANDLELIGHT.
A) USED TO B) USE TO C) USE
- 8) WHAT _____ TO THE DODO BIRD?
A) HAPPENING B) HAPPEN C) HAPPENED
- 9) POLAR BEAR IS IN DANGER _____ POACHERS ARE HUNTING IT.
A) SO B) AND C) BECAUSE
- 10) _____ DID PEOPLE LIVE IN THE PAST?
A) WHICH B) HOW C) WHEN
- 11) STUDENTS DIDN'T _____ WRITE WITH PENS.
A) USE TO B) USED TO C) USED
- 12) WHAT _____ SHARKS EAT? THEY EAT MEAT.
A) IS B) DOES C) DO
- 13) IN THE PAST, PEOPLE _____ TO SINGERS AND MUSICIANS IN PERSON.
A) LISTENED B) USED C) LISTEN
- 14) THE LEATHERBACK TURTLE IS THE _____ SEA TURTLE AND IT IS ENDANGERED.
A) BIGGEST B) BIGGER C) BIG
- 15) ANIMALS _____ THEIR HABITAT TO FIND FOOD AND A PLACE TO HAVE THEIR BABIES.
A) NEEDED B) NEED C) NEEDS



CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.

DEAR JEREMY,

HERE WE (IS / ARE) IN NEW YORK. IT (IS / WAS) A VERY BIG CITY. THERE (ARE / WERE) A LOT OF SHOPS, CINEMAS, THEATRES AND INCREDIBLE MUSEUMS.

YESTERDAY WE (GO / WENT) TO THE NATIONAL ZOO AND (SAW / SEE) MANY ANIMALS.

THERE (WAS / WERE) AN AMAZING PANDA BEAR THAT (HAVE / HAD) SOFT WHITE AND BLACK FUR. THE TWO BLACK PATCHES AROUND ITS EYES WERE CUTE, ... (TOO / ALSO).

THEN, WE (VISITED / VISIT) THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND WE LEARNT ABOUT HOW PEOPLE (USED / USE) TO LIVE IN NEW YORK A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (BEFORE / AFTER) THAT, WE HAD DINNER AND THEN, WE WENT TO BED (SO / BECAUSE) WE WERE VERY TIRED.

THE HOTEL IS WONDERFUL. THE ROOMS ARE (BIGGER / BIG) THAN MY HOUSE.

ALSO, IT (IS / HAS GOT) A BIG SWIMMING POOL, A BAR AND A TENNIS COURT! MY FRIENDS (PLAY / ARE PLAYING) A TENNIS MATCH NOW! IT (HAS / IS) VERY COLD TODAY, SO WE (CAN'T / DON'T LIKE) SWIM. WE ARE WEARING GLOVES, JACKETS AND EVEN HATS! I MISS YOU!! SEE YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

LOVE, CHRISTINE.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING WORDS IN THE BOX.

*cookers *chalk *endangered *taps *volcanoes *candles *plants *pens

1) The giant armadillo is _____ because it is losing its habitat.



2) Dinosaurs died out after two huge explosions from _____.



3) The biggest dinosaurs ate _____. They were herbivorous.

4) In the past, people didn't have _____ to make their food.



5) People didn't have electric lights. They burned _____.

6) In the past, students didn't write with _____. They wrote with _____ on their slates.

7) Before _____, people used to get water from wells or pumps outdoors.



ORDER THE QUESTIONS.

1) THE / BLUE / ? / ENDANGERED / WHY / IS / WHALE

2) WHERE / ? / BEAR / POLAR / LIVE / DOES / THE

3) THERE / GORILLAS / MANY / HOW / ARE / MOUNTAIN / ?

4) KILLING / ? / WHO / IS / ELEPHANTS

5) CARS, / DO / PEOPLE / USE / WHAT / ? / BEFORE / DID / TO

ANSWER THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS.



1) -----

2) -----

3) -----

4) -----

5) -----

