



DIAGNOSTIC TEST 8TH GRADE

WIDER WORLD 2 - LEVEL A2/A2+

NAME: _____

Reading

The Rise and Rise of the Internet

Most young people don't realise that the internet is a modern invention – after all, they don't remember a time without it. But it's still quite a new technology.

These days, more than three quarters of British adults use the internet every day. A very high percentage of adults (about 70%) use portable devices like mobile phones and tablets to access the internet.

18- to 24-year-olds use the internet more than any other age group. The number one activity is social networking followed by downloading and playing games. Adults aged 25–34 use the internet more than other age groups to buy things on-line. In fact, about 90% of people in this age group do some of their shopping in this way. They also score most for doing other home-related activities like internet banking (70%), and for carrying out business activities like selling products or services online (36%). Some people never use the internet. Just over half are aged 75 years and over.

And what about the youngest age groups? Well, school-age teenagers come second in the list of internet users after young adults. 93% of young teens use the internet regularly, which is an increase of 20% in only five years. They mainly use it for social networking and finding information for school. And the most popular internet activity overall? Well, it's the humble email! So it seems that we're not worse at communicating with other people, we just do it in a different way!

A. For questions 1-5, read the text and decided if the statements about the article are True (T) or False (F).

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| 1. Young people think that the internet is quite new. | T | / | F |
| 2. Most adults use the internet on mobiles or tablets. | T | / | F |
| 3. Young adults and teenagers use the internet for exactly the same reasons. | T | / | F |
| 4. The internet makes people bad at communicating with others. | T | / | F |

Listening

B. You will hear a dialogue between a basketball player, James, and his friend Patricia. For questions 5-8 choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

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| 5. They played the basketball game on
A Saturday.
B Sunday.
C Thursday. | 7. On the day of the game, James had
A a stomach ache.
B a nice dinner.
C a lot of energy. |
| 6. James' illness last weekend was
A a bad back
B a cold
C a stomach ache | 8. During the game, James
A played badly.
B blew his nose.
C hurt his leg. |

Grammar

C. Drag and drop the words onto the lines to make sentences.

9. speaks / Sam / fluently / French _____
10. doesn't / a / James / have / bike _____
11. always / She / time / is / on _____

D. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences in Present Simple or Continuous.

12. Helen never **come** / **comes** late.
13. We **are not driving** / **is not driving** our cars right now.
14. My aunt **have** / **has** black hair and green eyes.

E. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences in Past Simple or Continuous.

15. What book did you **read** / **readed** yesterday?
16. Halsey **enjoyed** / **enjoyed** her journey last year.
17. George **didn't eat** / **didn't ate** all the food.

Vocabulary

F. Match the sentence halves.

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| 18. She isn't a big fan | a) b) c) | a) salsa. She thinks it's great. |
| 19. She loves | a) b) c) | b) of science fiction stories. |
| 20. Jerry hates | a) b) c) | c) seafood. He's allergic. |

G. Choose the correct answer a), b), c) or d)

21. You can buy books in this place:

- a) library b) bookshop c) cinema d) stadium

22. This person writes novels:

- a) plumber b) sailor c) vandal d) writer

23. This is a water sport:

- a) surfing b) BMXing c) tennis d) soccer

H. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Steve Backshall **is** a famous TV presenter and animal expert. He (24)_____ born in Surrey in England in 1973.

His parents (25)_____ for the airline British Airways, but they (26)_____ on a small farm. Steve (27)_____ working with animals at a young age because his parents helped sick animals on their farm.

After he (28)_____ school, he decided to go to university. He (29)_____ English and Theatre Studies at the University of Exeter followed by biology at the Open University. Backshall's first job was as a writer for the Rough Guide travel books about Indonesia and South East Asia. In 2015, Backshall (30)_____ his girlfriend to marry him when they were on holiday in Namibia in Africa.

He often writes articles for several British newspapers as well as presenting many popular TV shows about nature.

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