

READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 1

Read this text carefully and tick the correct answers.

SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD

Millions of children go to school every day. Some schools have classrooms with desks and chairs but others are quite different. Here you have three examples:

Boat Schools in Bangladesh



Bangladesh is a country in Asia with important annual floods*. During this period of the year, which is called 'monsoon' season, it rains almost every day. When the water covers the streets, the boats that normally carry people from one place to another are converted into schools. In these boat schools they can learn maths, language, science, music and art. Each school has a classroom for 30 students and has books and computers that function thanks to solar energy.

Train Platform** Schools in India



In India there are nearly half a billion of children. Some of them live and work on train platforms. In the past, these children didn't even go to school but one day, a schoolteacher named Inderjit Khuran started reading stories to them. Then, she decided to create a school on the train platform to help them to learn. Miss Khuran died in 2010, but her schools continue giving free education to more than 4,000 students today.

School of the Air in Australia



Australia is a huge country and many children live miles away from cities and towns. They can't go to school because the nearest school may be four or even more hours away from their homes. They take online lessons and can see their teachers on the screen. Once or twice a year, all the students from the School of the Air get together*** to meet each other and do activities like excursions and games.

VOCABULARY:

* floods: inundaciones.

** train platform: andana en una estació de tren.

*** get together: es reuneixen.

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- 1. The 'monsoon' season lasts for...**
 - a. a full year.
 - b. a period of the year.
 - c. just a day of the year.

- 2. What is the weather like in Bangladesh?**
 - a. It is always sunny.
 - b. It rains a lot.
 - c. It is snowy.

- 3. How many students can fit in a boat school?**
 - a. Twenty.
 - b. Thirty.
 - c. Forty.

- 4. Some Indian children live and work...**
 - a. on train platforms.
 - b. at schools.
 - c. on trains.

- 5. After Miss Khuran died, schools on train platforms...**
 - a. changed.
 - b. disappeared.
 - c. continued giving education.

- 6. Education on train platforms...**
 - a. doesn't cost any money.
 - b. is expensive.
 - c. is cheap.

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7. Today, more than _____ students in India learn on train platforms.

- a. six thousand
- b. five thousand
- c. four thousand

8. In the sentence “Australia is a **huge** country”, what does ‘**huge**’ mean?

- a. Medium.
- b. Small.
- c. Big.

9. The School of the Air in Australia...

- a. has a playground.
- b. gives online lessons.
- c. hasn't got any computers.

10. Students from the School of the Air _____ their teachers online.

- a. can see
- b. never see
- c. can't hear

11. One of the activities that students from the School of the Air do together is...

- a. doing homework.
- b. reading stories.
- c. playing games.

12. This text tells you about _____ around the world.

- a. unique schools
- b. original teachers
- c. intelligent students