

4.5 Reading

1 Look at the photo. What do you think it is?
Choose the correct answer.

- a a games console
- b a tablet
- c a mobile phone

Read my dad's story! by Josh

'In 1990 I was a young boy. It was an autumn day in town. I was walking down the High Street with my mum when I stopped because I wanted to look in a shop window. I was feeling very excited because I saw something very special in the shop.

That special thing was a new games console. But it wasn't just a normal games console. It was the first portable games console.

That day was my birthday. I had some money to spend and I was looking for a present to buy when I saw that games console.

I bought it and I was really happy. The games console had four buttons on it, it took headphones and it also had a battery pack that you plugged in. There weren't a lot of games at first – in fact, I had only two. I loved computer games, so I played a lot!'



And now my dad has a fantastic job! He is a game tester! He plays games before they sell them in the shops. Amazing! So, he still loves computer games and he plays a lot.

2 Read the text. Tick (✓) the people and the things from the text.

1 a birthday present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 Josh's father	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 a television	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Josh's grandma	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 a phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Josh's mother	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 a shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Josh's grandad	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 What year was it? It was 1990.

2 Where was the young boy walking?

3 Why did he stop? _____

4 What day was it? _____

5 Were there a lot of games for the console? _____

4 These sentences are wrong. Read the text again and correct them.

1 It was winter. It was autumn.

2 The boy was excited about an old games console in the shop.

3 The games console had five buttons.

4 Josh's dad had three games.

5 Vocabulary Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.



apps battery portable charger
ringtones smartphone touch screens

Grandad: I want to buy a 'smartphone'.

Rebecca: Do you know anything about them, Grandad?

Grandad: Yes, I do. I know they have ² _____, not buttons, and that you can download ³ _____.

Rebecca: Yes, that's right. You can also choose different ⁴ _____ for different people.

Grandad: Can I get those from the Internet?

Rebecca: Yes. Now look at my phone. It has a very good ⁵ _____. It lasts for ten hours.

Grandad: That's good. Do I need to buy a ⁶ _____ too?

Rebecca: No. It comes with the phone.

Grandad: Thanks, Rebecca.