



MID TERM TEST

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Reading

Technology-free teen

Fabio Contini is a normal fifteen-year-old teenager. He enjoys chatting with his friends, playing sports and having a laugh. There is one thing about Fabio which makes him a little different from all his friends, though. He doesn't use a mobile phone or a computer in his free time. What is the reason for Fabio's choice?

Fabio says, 'Well, a year ago my family were all very worried about me. I was sitting at my computer all the time. I never **switched it off!** I couldn't stop texting my friends and surfing the net. I **fell out with** my mum and dad. They were unhappy because I didn't spend any time with them. I didn't listen to them because I was always wearing **headphones**. I stopped doing sport and didn't go to football **training** any more. My friends got fed up with me because I stopped talking to them. Anyway, when I failed all of my tests at school, we all knew there was a problem. I had to **deal with** it myself so I decided to go technology free for a week.'

It's a year later and Fabio is still technology free. 'Of course I use technology in class – to **translate** words in English for example. I don't use it in my free time. However, sometimes it does make life a bit difficult,' he says. 'Sometimes people can be **rude**. They call me names because I don't have a mobile phone and I don't know what's happening on Facebook. It doesn't matter, though. I think my life is much better now. I have become much happier since I stopped using computers all the time.'

So what is better about Fabio's life now? 'I'm really **sporty** now,' he says. 'I'm getting on well with my friends and family and I'm getting good **grades** at school, too. I've taken part in a **race** and I've played in a lot of football matches. I'm just much more **excited** about life than I was before!'

1 Are the sentences (1–11) true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 | Fabio loves using his computer in his free time. | <u><i>F</i></u> |
| 2 | Fabio's mum and dad were unhappy with him because he was never at home. | <u><u><u></u></u></u> |
| 3 | His friends were fed up because Fabio never stopped talking. | <u><u><u></u></u></u> |
| 4 | Fabio didn't work hard for school because he was always on his computer. | <u><u><u></u></u></u> |
| 5 | Fabio asked someone to help him with his problem. | <u><u><u></u></u></u> |
| 6 | Fabio is doing well at school now. | <u><u><u></u></u></u> |

2 Match the bold words in the text with their meanings.

1 someone who enjoys doing sport sporty

2 to change words from one language into another _____

3 when people compete to see who can be fastest _____

4 argued with someone _____

5 marks you get at school _____

6 to find a way to manage a problem _____

7 things you wear on your ears when you are listening to music _____

8 stopped the electricity supply to something _____

9 to feel really happy about something _____

10 practice you do for sports _____

11 to be impolite _____

3 Read the text again and answer the questions

1 How old is Fabio?

Fifteen

2 Why did he fall out with his mum and dad?

3 When did Fabio realise there was a problem?

4 When does Fabio use technology now?

5 Does Fabio use technology in his free time?

6 Why do some people call him names?