

READING TEXTS A-D

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Welcome to Young World

This week we are asking people of different nationalities: "How are modern communications changing our lives?"

A

There are lots of bad TV programmes, but the weather forecasts are good. We get bad hurricanes here in America, and they're getting worse. But modern satellites are collecting better information on their speed and direction, and forecasts are getting better. So we understand hurricanes better now, and we now know when and where one will arrive.

B

We get Palestinian TV and hundreds of other satellite channels, too. Hanan and I love watching cartoons all day! That's bad, I know. But now Mum and Dad say we can only watch serious programmes like documentaries. We think that's bad, too!

C

Like a lot of Moroccan people, my job is fishing, and my mobile is very important in my work. It's expensive, but I can now call different markets from my boat. That means I can find the best market for my fish and take them there. My mobile is giving my family a better life.

D

Australian farms are big, and our parents like to stay in contact, so they've given us mobiles. But now we're calling and texting friends more and more, and Mum and Dad are getting angry. They say we're always on the phone when they want to talk - and we shouldn't be! ... Oh, someone's calling now. Excuse me!

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

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Choose A, B, C or D in the answer box for each question.

1. What is Young World asking about this week?

- A. School rules B. How modern communications are changing our lives
C. Favourite sports D. Travel plans

2. Where is the speaker in text A from?

- A. America B. Morocco
C. Australia D. Palestine

3. What is happening to hurricanes in text A?

- A. They are disappearing B. They are getting weaker
C. They are getting worse D. They are stopping

4. What information do satellites collect about hurricanes?

- A. Their names and ages B. Their speed and direction
C. Their colours D. Their sounds

5. What do the children in text B love watching?

- A. News B. Documentaries
C. Weather forecasts D. Cartoons

6. What do their parents now allow them to watch?

- A. Serious programmes B. Only cartoons
C. Every programme D. Only sports

7. How do the children feel about the new TV rule?

- A. Excited B. Pleased
C. Unhappy D. Proud

8. What is the speaker's job in text C?

- A. Teaching B. Fishing
C. Farming D. Driving

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

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Choose A, B, C or D in the answer box for each question.

9. How does the fisherman describe his mobile?

- A. Cheap B. Broken
C. Useless D. Expensive

10. Where does the fisherman call markets from?

- A. His boat B. His school
C. His car D. His classroom

11. Why does the fisherman call different markets?

- A. To buy a phone B. To talk about TV
C. To find the best market for his fish D. To sell his boat

12. Why did the Australian parents give their children mobiles?

- A. To play games B. To stay in contact
C. To watch cartoons D. To sell fish

13. Who are the Australian children calling and texting more and more?

- A. Their teachers B. Their parents
C. Market sellers D. Their friends

14. What does "forecasts" mean in text A?

- A. Predictions about the weather B. Messages to friends
C. TV channels D. Fishing boats

15. What does "them" refer to in "take them there" in text C?

- A. The markets B. The phones
C. The fish D. The family

16. What does "stay in contact" mean in text D?

- A. Stop speaking B. Keep communicating
C. Travel together D. Watch television

TRUE / FALSE AND ONE-WORD ANSWERS

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17-22: Choose True or False. 23-30: Type ONE word from the reading.

17. Weather forecasts are getting better.

18. The children in text B love watching documentaries all day.

19. The fisherman's mobile helps him in his work.

20. The fisherman gives his mobile to his family when he goes fishing.

21. Australian farms are small.

22. The Australian parents are getting angry about their children's phone use.

23. Modern _____ collect better information about hurricanes.

24. Satellites collect information about the speed and _____ of hurricanes.

25. What do Hanan and the other child love watching?

26. Which serious programmes are mentioned in text B?

27. A person from Morocco is _____.

28. The fisherman's mobile is giving his family a better _____.

29. Find the opposite of "cheap" in text C.

30. Find the opposite of "never" in text D.