

A NOVEL IDEA

READING – READ THE TEXT FROM PAGE 93.

1. What are cell phone novels and how they work? Choose the correct answer: a, b or c

- a They are paperback novels divided into instalments and sent to mobile phones.
- b They are stories in episodes written on mobile phones and uploaded onto a special website.
- c They are long texts sent by friends to other friends.

2. Match sentences A-H with gaps 1-6 in the text. There are two extra sentences.

- A Common themes are love, tragedy and betrayal, and the stories often deal with difficult or controversial issues.
- B Books are sometimes regarded as old-fashioned and difficult to read.
- C In response to this trend, some smart young authors have changed the way they write.
- D However, as the story progressed, the style gradually evolved into something different.
- E She typed out instalments on her phone and uploaded them onto a popular website for cell phone authors.
- F No money is made from cell phone novels unless they are published as books.
- G It was called *Deep Love* and told the story of a teenager who contracted AIDS.
- H Sentences are short and there are no descriptions of anything or anybody because there isn't space.

3. Are the sentences true or false? Write T or F.

- 1 The first cell phone novel appeared in Japan. ____
- 2 The success of Yoshi's first book was due mainly to advertisements on the TV and in comic books. ____
- 3 Most cell phone novels deal with difficult issues. ____
- 4 Rin did not tell her parents that she was writing a cell phone novel. ____
- 5 There is a lot of conversation between the characters in cell phone novels. ____
- 6 Cell phone novels in English have recently appeared in the USA. ____

4. Match a-k with 1-11 to make compound nouns. They are all in the text.

Compound nouns

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|--------------|------------|
| 1 leisure | a series |
| 2 cell | b book |
| 3 television | c school |
| 4 comic | d story |
| 5 high | e time |
| 6 love | f name |
| 7 book | g phone |
| 8 bestseller | h culture |
| 9 pen | i contract |
| 10 pop | j media |
| 11 social | k list |

5. Answer the questions.

1 What was the first cell phone novel about?

2 How did Rin write her cell phone novel?

3 How did the first English language cell phone novel come about?

4 What does Takatsu particularly like about this form of writing?