

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

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?