

Reading

1 Read the text and choose T (true) or F (false).

The first computer games

We have played computer games for about 60 years, and now games are very sophisticated. But, did you know that the first computer game was a version of noughts and crosses? It was in black and white and it was very simple. A scientist called A.S. Douglas designed it in 1952.

In 1962, an American computer engineer created 'SpaceWar!' His name was Steve Russell. He loved reading science-fiction books so he wanted to invent the first science-fiction game. If you play the game today, it will seem very simple and boring, but it was an amazing invention in 1962.

Nowadays, most young people enjoy playing computer games at home on their computers or consoles, but in the 1970s and 1980s teenagers didn't have computers. They went to arcades to play the new, exciting computer games.

In the future, computer games will inevitably change. Major companies are spending a lot of money on developing very realistic games, and some games are going to have so many levels that you will never finish the game!

- 1 Computer games have always been sophisticated. _____
- 2 The first computer game was in colour. _____
- 3 In 1962, people thought 'SpaceWar!' was boring. _____
- 4 In the 1980s, teenagers often played computer games at home. _____
- 5 In the future, games will be more realistic. _____

2 Read the text again and write the correct answer (A or B).

- 1 Douglas invented the first computer game _____.
a) in the 1950s b) 60 years ago
- 2 Steve Russell got the idea for 'SpaceWar!' from _____.
a) playing other games b) reading books
- 3 Today, 'SpaceWar!' is _____ game to play.
a) a boring b) an exciting
- 4 In the 1970s, teenagers usually played computer games in _____.
a) their homes b) arcades
- 5 In the future, computer games will have more _____.
a) colours b) levels

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct words.

How to play Trivial Pursuit:

- 1 First, _____ the dice and find out which number from one to six you get.
- 2 If you get four, for example, _____ the squares: one, two, three and four.
- 3 Then, _____ your counter four spaces.
- 4 If you _____ on a green square, answer a green question.
- 5 You shouldn't _____ by reading the answer on the back of the card. Be honest!
- 6 If you don't know the answer, you should _____ – just think of a possible answer.
- 7 If the questions are difficult, don't _____. Keep trying!
- 8 The person who answers lots of questions correctly _____ the game.

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

aquarium	art gallery	campsite	castle	cathedral	fishing port
market	monument	safari park	statue	town square	water park

- 1 A _____ is a strong building. In the past, it protected people inside from attacks.
- 2 There are a lot of paintings in an _____.
- 3 In the centre of an old town, there is usually a _____. It is surrounded by important buildings – the town hall, for example – and there is often a _____ in the middle of an important person who died a long time ago.
- 4 On holiday, people often take a tent and stay at a _____.
- 5 An open-air _____ takes place every Saturday morning in my town. They sell fruit and vegetables.
- 6 There is a famous _____ called 'La Puerta de Alcala' in the centre of Madrid.
- 7 A _____ has lots of exciting rides – waterslides, ghost trains and big dippers!
- 8 A _____ is by the sea. There are lots of boats there and they go out to catch fish every day.
- 9 A _____ is a large park with wild animals. Visitors drive through in their cars.
- 10 A _____ is a large church.'
- 11 You can see fish and other water animals in an _____.

Grammar

5 Choose the correct words.

- 1 Sam _____ in an office every day.
- 2 Joanne _____ tennis right now.
- 3 Tom _____ at a campsite this week.
- 4 Andrew never _____ before eight o'clock.
- 5 At the moment, Olive _____ outside.

6 Write the correct answer (A or B).

- 1 Dan _____ football on the beach yesterday when he fell and broke his arm.
a) was playing b) played
- 2 Sally got up, had a quick shower, then _____ to school.
a) was running b) ran
- 3 Joe _____ a photo of a lion while we were travelling across Africa.
a) was taking b) took
- 4 Harriet went to the party last night but she _____ early.
a) was leaving b) left
- 5 While he _____ at the campsite, Jim met Fiona.
a) was staying b) stayed

7 Write sentences using the correct verb tense. Use the present simple, present continuous, past simple or past continuous.

- 1 Andrea / not work / in her office / every day .

- 2 Nick and Diana / not enjoy / the party / right now .

- 3 Graeme and Dorothy / often / not play cards / on Fridays .

- 4 The twins / not have / a good holiday / in France / last month .

- 5 I / not sit / outside / in the sunshine / when Paul phoned .

8 Write the correct answer (A or B).

- 1 I am ____ my grandmother tomorrow afternoon.
a) visiting b) going visit
- 2 We're going ____ a picnic by the sea.
a) have b) to have
- 3 I'll ____ you later.
a) phone b) to phone
- 4 Andy won't ____ to the party.
a) go b) going
- 5 Sue isn't ____ at a campsite next weekend.
a) stay b) staying
- 6 Penny will ____ the party.
a) organize b) to organize
- 7 They aren't going ____ us.
a) helping b) to help

9 Complete the sentences with the correct future forms of the verbs in brackets. Use be going to, present continuous or will.

- 1 We _____ (have) lunch in an hour. We _____ (eat) pasta, we always eat this on Fridays.
- 2 When I am older, I _____ (go) to university and I _____ (get) a good job.
- 3 I _____ (play) tennis with Andy tomorrow afternoon. I think he _____ (win).
- 4 Dan _____ (not go) out tonight because he _____ (watch) a DVD.