

Extended Reading 1 (9 Questions / 15 Minutes)

1. Solar energy can perform all of the functions that electricity can; however, the concept of using solar energy is nothing novel. As early as the third century B.C., ancient Greeks and Romans made use of sunlight to set enemy warships on fire. Nowadays, most people do not have any reason to ignite anyone else's ships, but a solar oven would come in handy on a camping expedition.



2. Constructing a solar oven is a fairly simple project; all you will need is a pizza box, some black construction paper, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, tape, scissors, a marker, approximately two feet of string, and a small nail. First, draw a square on the top of the pizza box, then cut along three sides of the square, but do not cut the side next to the back of the box. You should now have created a flap; fold it back and crease the line that you didn't cut. Glue a piece of aluminum foil to the inside of the flap.
3. Next, open the box and tape a piece of plastic wrap onto the underside of the box top. This piece should be slightly larger than the flap. Ensure that the plastic wrap is attached sufficiently so that no air can escape when the oven is closed. This is so the hot air will be retained inside the box. Now glue a piece of aluminum foil to the bottom, then tape a piece of black construction paper on top of the foil.
4. Finally, close the box and tape one end of the string onto the front edge of the flap, insert the nail into the back of the box, and adjust the flap until the foil reflects sunlight through the window into the inside of the oven. Finally, when you find the perfect angle for the flap, wrap the other end of the string around the nail to hold it in place.
5. The oven is complete, so you can try to make toast, cakes, and even mini pizzas.

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81. Which of the following would be the BEST title for this article?

- A *"Basic Principles of Solar Energy"*
- B *"Putting Sunlight to Work for You"*
- C *"How to Build Your Own Solar Oven"*
- D *"How the Romans and Greeks Used Solar Energy"*

82. In the sentence *"the concept of using solar energy is nothing **novel**"*, the word "novel" means _____.

- A difficult
- B cheap
- C new
- D simple

83. Based on the article, which of the following statements best describes the project?

- A It is expensive
- B It is timely
- C It is uncomplicated
- D It is uninteresting

84. In the sentence *"Nowadays, most people do not have any reason to **ignite** anyone else's ships"*, the word "ignite" means _____.

- A burn
- B carry
- C fight
- D invade

85. In the sentence *"A solar oven might **come in handy** on a camping trip"*, the phrase "come in handy" means to _____.

- A be simple
- B be useful
- C be difficult
- D be unhelpful

86. In the sentence "*Please ensure the plastic wrap is attached **sufficiently***", the word "*sufficiently*" means _____.

- A realistically
- B simply
- C lightly
- D strongly

87. According to the article, what is the purpose of the plastic wrap

- A To keep the food fresh
- B To make the food taste better
- C To ensure that the food cooks correctly
- D To seal in the heat

88. Which of the following pieces of information is NOT mentioned in this article?

- A The cost of the project materials
- B The materials needed for the project
- C The steps to complete the project
- D The purpose of the project

89. The MAIN purpose of the text is to _____.

- A advise
- B instruct
- C inform
- D argue

Extended Reading 2 (8 Questions / 15 Minutes)

Read the following prospectus carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Smurfs Modern School 2017 /2018 Prospectus

ABSENCE

- **Illness**

If your child is absent from school, you should notify the school administration office via phone. When he/she returns to school, a written explanation about the nature of the illness must be provided along with a medical certificate so that school records can be kept up-to-date. All medical and dentist appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.

- **Mid Term Holidays**

The Board of Governors states that annual holidays should not be taken during term however, it is at the discretion of the headteacher. Pupils may take up to two weeks off school however again, this should be avoided as it is important that children do not miss out on their education.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is not compulsory for children to wear school uniform although it is strongly encouraged so that the children feel part of the school community. All children should wear black school shoes and at no time should they wear trainers.

The school operates a 'budget shop' once a term so that parents may purchase second-hand clothing

- **Boys**

Boys should wear blue shirts (long or short sleeved) with grey trousers and the school jumper. They should wear the blue and grey striped school ties at all times.

- **Girls**

Girls should wear grey pinafores with white blouses and the school jumper.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There is a wide range of clubs for all children according to their age.

- Children in kindergarten may attend football, ballet and/or swimming
- Children in grades 1 to 7 may attend the following clubs: archery, tabletennis, basketball.

Participation in clubs is strongly encouraged.

CONTACT INFORMATION

No online registration as yet. Registrations are only in person.

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10:00 am - 1:00pm: at weekends

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90. The prospectus aims at _____.

- A** boys
- B** girls
- C** parents
- D** teachers

91. On a day that a student can't come to school due to an illness, their parents should _____.

- A** call the school administration office
- B** come to school first
- C** write a paper and explain their situation
- D** bring a sick note on the day of illness

92. In addition to "illness", which issue does the "ABSENCE" section of the prospectus deal with?

- A** School records
- B** Holidays
- C** School hours
- D** Examinations

93. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the holidays?

- A** Pupils can take holidays whenever they want
- B** Pupils are not advised to take holiday during term
- C** Pupils can take more than 14 days off
- D** Pupils are never allowed to take holiday during term

94. Both boys and girls should wear _____.

- A** trousers
- B** shirts
- C** jumpers
- D** ties

95. A child who is in year 2 should attend the _____ club.
- A archery
 - B judo
 - C football
 - D swimming
96. The school is NOT available over the phone at 9am on _____.
- A Sunday
 - B Monday
 - C Saturday
 - D Tuesday
97. The prospectus does not provide information on _____.
- A How to contact the school
 - B How to get to school
 - C What to do when absent
 - D What clubs are available

Extended Reading 3 (8 Questions / 15 Minutes)



In front of the enormous Shibuya station in Tokyo, there is a life size bronze statue of a dog. Even though the statue is very small when compared to the huge neon signs flashing, it isn't difficult to find. It has been used as a meeting point since 1934 and today you will find hundreds of people waiting there for their friends to arrive – just look for the crowds!

Hachiko, an “Akita” dog, was born in 1923 in Akita prefecture, Japan and brought to Tokyo in 1924. His owner, Mr. Eisaburo Ueno and Hachiko were inseparable friends right from the start. Each day Hachiko would accompany his owner, a professor in agriculture at the Imperial University, to Shibuya train station when he left for work. When he came back, the professor would always find the dog patiently waiting for him. Sadly, the professor died suddenly at work in 1925 before he could return home.

Although Hachiko was still a young dog, the bond between him and his owner was very strong and he continued to wait at the station every day for 9 years, 9 months and 15 days. Sometimes, he would stay there for days at a time, though some believe that he kept returning because of the food he was given by street vendors. He became a familiar sight to commuters over time. In 1934, a statue of him made by Teru Ando was put outside Shibuya station. In 1935, Hachiko died at the place he last saw his friend alive.

This sad but beautiful story was made into a 1987 Japanese movie called “Hachiko Monogatari” (Tale of Hachiko) starring Tatsuya Nakadai which was huge hit in Japan. In 2009, the same story was again made into a movie in the US starring Richard Gere directed by Lasse Hallstrom. Further to movies, there have been many novels and childrens' textbooks describing the story as well as many references to the story in popular culture such as Japanese anime.

The story of Hachi is special to Japanese as it is a story of loyalty and friendship.

Adapted from:

https://en.islcollective.com/resources/printables/worksheets_doc_docx/hachiko_reading_comprehension/past-simple-celebrities/30868

98. The bronze statue of Hachi is mainly used as _____.
A A meeting place for friends
B A place for people to feed their pets
C A place where people left for work
D A place for a picnic
99. What was Mr. Eisaburo Ueno's job?
A He worked at Shibuya station
B He made bronze statues
C He was a professor of agriculture
D He was a street vendor
100. How old was Hachiko when he was first brought to Tokyo?
A 1 year old
B 2 years old
C 9 years old
D 11 years old
101. In the sentence "...*Ueno and Hachiko were **inseparable** friends...*", the word "*inseparable*" means _____.
A stuck together
B casual
C very close
D split
102. Hachi most likely kept coming to Shibuya station after Eisaburo's death because _____.
A the street vendors gave him food
B he was waiting for Eisaburo Ueno
C a statue was being built
D he wanted to be in movies

103. Who made the bronze statue of Hachiko?

- A** Teru Ando
- B** Richard Gere
- C** Lasse Hallstrom
- D** Tatsuya Nakadai

104. The actor in the Japanese Hachi movie was _____.

- A** Teru Ando
- B** Richard Gere
- C** Lasse Hallstrom
- D** Tatsuya Nakadai

105. What is the main objective of this article?

- A** To describe the personality of "Akita" dogs
- B** To describe the history of Shibuya station
- C** To describe US and Japanese movies
- D** To describe the famous story of Hachi