

36 How We Learn

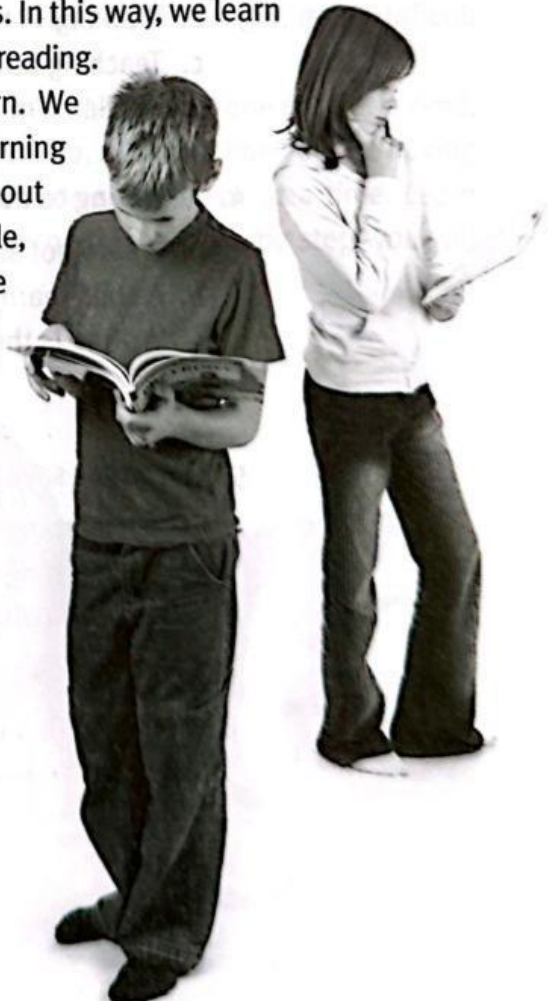
Learning is a big part of life. We start learning right away. Babies learn how to walk and say words. They learn from their parents. They learn from their older brothers and sisters. They learn what to eat and to drink. They learn what to do when they are cold. They learn when to sleep. All of these things are learned by watching others. First, a young child watches others, and then, he or she tries to do those things.

Later, we learn to read. This is the main way we learn about the world when we are in school. We learn about other countries. We learn about animals and plants. We learn about history. Reading opens the door to the world of books. Books can teach us about anything. Reading to learn is a very important skill we develop at school. We learn how to teach ourselves with books.

But our learning does not stop with books. As we get older, our teachers in school show us another way to learn. This next type of learning is through writing. Did you know that you can learn by writing? It is true. In order to write about something, we first have to read different books or magazines. As we read, we put ideas together and write them down in a way that others can read and understand the ideas. In this way, we learn more from writing our ideas than from only reading.

There is also another way we learn. We learn by teaching others. This is like learning through writing, but it is not always about teaching what we read in books. For example, if we know how to make something, we can teach others. But when we tell someone how to do it, we learn new things as well. Try it, and you will see.

Time _____



Circle the right answer.

1. The reading is about:
 - a. the first things people learn
 - b. the different ways that people learn
 - c. learning through reading
2. The writer says that in school we learn:
 - a. how to use computers
 - b. how to learn through reading
 - c. how to watch our brothers and sisters
3. Which is NOT mentioned as a way in which we learn?
 - a. Writing
 - b. Working
 - c. Teaching others
4. According to the reading, which statement is true?
 - a. We do not start learning until we enter school.
 - b. A child learns by watching others first.
 - c. Writing is the main way we learn at school.
5. The writer says that learning through teaching others is:
 - a. like learning through reading
 - b. like learning through writing
 - c. very difficult

Score _____