

READING COMPREHENSION – Problems– grade 8

Name and surname: _____ Date: _____

Score and mark: _____

Read the texts below and choose the correct answer:

1. All the writers go to :

- a) college. b) high school. c) primary school.

2. One of the writers talked about his problems with:

- a) a teacher. b) parents. C) a friend.

3. The texts are written in the form of:

- a) an email. b) a blog post. c) a magazine article.

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A

Dear Kim,

I really need your help. Next year I will turn 15 which means I will go to secondary school. I am a bit scared of everything. I don't know if I will find my way around especially if I don't go to the same class with my friends. All my life I have been a quiet kid – you know, never talking too much, except with my classmates. I do like to talk, but don't know how to make new friends easily. Every time I try to get into conversation with people in general, they usually say: Wow, I've never heard you speak before.

This makes me more nervous and I don't know how to reply. Everybody thinks I am shy, but actually, I like to talk when I get to know people better.

How should I reply to people when they say I am a quiet kid?

How can I increase my confidence?

Bye

B

Dear Kim,

I have a lot of problems with my math classes in the second semester of primary school.

So, my older brother asked his best friend Mike, who is good at maths, to help me with my exams.

He is such a nice guy and he explains maths very well. My maths teacher was very surprised at how well I was doing and congratulated me on the progress.

I have very good grades at the moment, and I started to like the subject which I hated for years.

But, here is my problem, I have a crush on my brother's friend and I don't know what to do?

I think he hasn't noticed it yet. He sees me as a younger sister.

I am always over the moon when he gives me private lessons.

But, recently, I have been very nervous around him. Should I tell him how I feel?

Bye

C

Dear Kim,

I am going to finish 8th grade in a few months and I still cannot decide which secondary school to enrol in.

I have been talking to my parents about it a lot, and since I love helping people, they suggested that I go to the grammar school and later study to become a doctor. I am also good at programming and I would like to improve my IT skills, so a secondary technical school could be an option as well.

My parents are very supportive of whatever I choose, but it's hard for me to decide.

Do you have any good advice for me? What should I do?

Thank you.

2. Read the texts A-C again and match the writer's names (1-4) with their problem.

There is 1 extra name you will not need.

1. Secret Admirer
2. Future Talker
3. Worried Brother
4. Doctor Hacker

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3. Match the statements with the correct writer (A, B or C).

Which person:

1. needs advice to improve confidence? _____
2. is in love with an older boy? _____
3. cannot decide which secondary school to attend? _____
4. had bad marks in one of the school subjects? _____
5. can't easily make friends? _____
6. talks to his/her parents about the problem? _____
7. is scared of the new school environment? _____
8. has an older brother? _____

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4. Translate. Find the words/expressions in the text.

1. osnovna škola - _____
2. zaljubiti se - _____
3. ispiti - _____
4. upisati se (u školu) - _____
5. sramežljiva - _____
6. odlučiti - _____

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