

# BJC Reading Comprehension

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Answer all questions based on the passage.

1. According to the passage, what was the status symbol for children in days gone by?

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2. the writer, Martha Brockenburg, expresses her astonishment about something in paragraph 1 of the passage. What is it that astonishes her?

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3. Provide ONE detail from between 1-8 of the passage which suggests a traditional way rather than a modern way in which some parents comfort and entertain their young children.

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4. Using information from paragraph 5 of the passage, quire ONE three-word phrase which shows Martha Brockenbrough has used someone else's opinions in addition to hers in writing the article.

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5. When discussing its risky nature, the writer compares the cell phone to two other items. (a) Identify these TWO other items.  
b) State how the cell phone is similar to these two other items.

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6. Using ideas from the passage, suggest THREE ways in which some teenagers behave irresponsibly in physically taking care of a cell phone.

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7. 5. Read the title of the passage again. It suggests that a group of individuals might find themselves being called "meanies". (a) Who would most likely refer to this group as "meanies"? (b) Explain how any ONE word in the title helped you to answer part (a) of the question.

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8. Imagine that you have been invited to speak to a group of adults on the dangers of giving children cell phones. Write the speech you will give, providing at least FOUR specific details about how cell phones could encourage negative behaviour in children. Remember to base your response on information from the passage.

Your answer should be paragraphed, using NO more than 150 words.

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