

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (4)

Mobile School

Answer Key:

1. The speaker loves working with street children, even though it can be upsetting to see the challenges they face.
2. The Mobile School uses games and specially designed materials to provide street children with a safe environment for learning.
3. because it makes the learning experience enjoyable and engaging for them.
4. A boy said to the speaker, "Welcome! You came back. That proves you really care about us. You're like parents to us!" This meant a lot to the speaker because it showed that the children felt cared for and supported, and they appreciated the regular visits.
5. To become a volunteer for Mobile School, one can join one or more of their workgroups, including research, translation, and education and training.
6. 46% children live in bad conditions.
7. Mobile School differs from other programs as it focuses on building on the positive aspects of a child's life instead of just dealing with their problems. It encourages them to trust and develop their own skills.
8. In Nairobi, Kenya, the first group of street children reached by Mobile School started their own business raising cows. This shows that the program has empowered them to take initiative and improve their lives.
9. Mobile School's focus on building on the positive aspects of street children's lives can boost their self-confidence, enhance their skills, and give them a sense of purpose, which can lead to better opportunities and improved future prospects.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (5)

Favourite City

Answer Key:

1. The fact that naming favorite cities is a very personal matter and her opinion about cities can change over time.
2. After spending more time in Bangkok, working there for a local tour company, and learning the language, the travel writer discovered that her initial negative opinion was wrong, and she found the city more appealing.
3. The travel writer mentions enormous street markets, quiet ancient temples, an unusual elephant museum, Lumpini Park, and delicious street food as some of the attractions in Bangkok.
4. The travel writer appreciates Stockholm's relaxed atmosphere, which she attributes to it being by the water and built on 14 islands connected by 57 bridges. It is also considered one of the cleanest cities she knows.
5. While life in Stockholm can be expensive, it is not as expensive as New York City.
6. The travel writer mentions fantastic museums, art galleries, theaters, a wide choice of restaurants, and the famous big, yellow taxis with loud, impatient drivers as some of the highlights of New York City.
7. The best time to visit Rio de Janeiro is during Carnival. Some of its attractions include Copacabana and Ipanema beaches.
8. Tokyo is known for being one of the most advanced high technology cities in the world and has an efficient public transport system.
9. Critical Thinking:

This is a subjective question, and the answer would depend on individual preferences and interests. Students may choose different cities based on factors such as culture, attractions, and personal experiences.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (6)

World Vegetarian Day

Answer Key:

1. Marion was influenced to become a vegetarian by her Indian cultural background, where the majority of Indians are vegetarians.
2. Ann's family initially expected her decision to become a vegetarian to last only a few months, and they tried to offer her sausages on many occasions. She became a vegetarian because of her love for animals and the belief that killing them is wrong.
3. Josh experienced health problems as he reached middle age, including weight gain. When he cut down on meat in his diet, he started feeling better. After trying a meat-free diet for a month, he no longer craved meat and even found the smell of it unappealing. He started doing some sports and made an annual saving of about £2,000 on food bills.
4. Simon became a vegetarian during his university years because he became interested in environmental matters. He was concerned about the impact of the meat industry on the environment, such as the use of resources like food and water to raise farm animals and the destruction of forests for farming.
5. refers to the vegetarian dishes that Ann persuaded her mum to cook.

Critical Thinking

6. The perception of vegetarianism has changed over the years, as mentioned in the text, with more people becoming vegetarians due to health, environmental, and ethical reasons. This shift may have occurred due to increased awareness about the benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle, environmental concerns, and the availability of a wide variety of vegetarian food options.
7. People choose to become vegetarians for various reasons, including cultural background, ethical beliefs about animal rights, health concerns, and environmental consciousness. These reasons vary from person to person based on their values and priorities in life.
8. To address the environmental impact of the meat industry, alternative approaches include promoting sustainable farming practices, reducing meat consumption, and supporting plant-based diets. Additionally, investing in research for alternative protein sources and supporting policies that promote sustainable agriculture can contribute to a more eco-friendly food system.
9. Vegetarianism can be seen as a sustainable lifestyle choice because it reduces the environmental footprint associated with meat production, such as greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and deforestation. It also encourages a more plant-based diet, which can lead to improved personal health and reduced strain on global food resources, benefiting both individuals and the planet as a whole.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (7)

Answer Key:

1. The narrator is feeling upset because he/she made a mistake while driving too fast, resulting in being grounded by their dad.
2. The narrator was driving at 113 miles per hour, which was considered careless and dangerous by the police.
3. to maintain the brain's health.
4. Exclusion from a social group's activities can have a serious effect on the teenage brain, similar to the brain's response to other dangers, making the person feel at risk.
5. social rewards that encourages this age group to take more risks.
6. when driving through a red light in the video game scenario.
7. he takes twice as many risks as when he is alone.
8. because she shared someone's secret with her best friend.
9. she apologized to her friends but they didn't want to hang out with her and they kept laughing at her.
10. Answers vary, here is an example: To mend her relationship with her friends, Dolores should take responsibility for her mistake and sincerely apologize to each friend individually. She should express regret for sharing the secret and acknowledge the pain she caused them. Dolores should also give her friends some space and time to process their feelings. Afterward, she can approach them with understanding and empathy, being patient and respectful of their emotions. It might be helpful for Dolores to show her friends that she has learned from her mistake and is committed to being a trustworthy and supportive friend in the future. Rebuilding trust takes time, so Dolores needs to be patient and consistent in her efforts to repair the friendships.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (8)

The Most Extreme Places in the World

Answer Key:

1. The weather in India during the summer monsoon is characterized by continuous and heavy rainfall.
2. because it receives about 11,000 mm of rain a year, making it one of the wettest places on Earth.
3. The town of Arica in South America is close to the Atacama Desert.
4. because of its strange landscape, resembling the Martian surface. NASA even chose to test their Mars Rover vehicles there.
5. Antarctica holds the record for the least amount of annual rainfall, with only 2 mm.
6. Scientists recorded a temperature of 58°C at El Azizia in Libya in 1922.
7. Scientists realized they were wrong about the hottest place on earth when they started using satellites because they discovered that the ground temperature at a location surpassed the previous records, reaching 70.7°C.
8. The temperature in Edmonton and Calgary, where it dropped to around -41°C on November 23, 2010, is relatively warm compared to Antarctica's extremely low temperatures.
9. The Vostok research station, near the magnetic south pole, holds the record for the lowest winter temperatures, with recordings as low as -89°C.
10. A hurricane in Barrow Island, Australia, broke the record for the highest wind speed ever recorded with a speed of 253 miles per hour on April 10th, 1996.
11. Answers vary

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (9)

Hitchhiking

Answer Key:

1. Jeremy Marie travels around the world by hitchhiking.
2. Jeremy's preparations before starting his journey included planning a route and setting up his website. He carries a backpack with essential things for his journey.
3. Jeremy's friends warned him that it would be difficult, even impossible, to hitchhike around the world.
4. Hitchhiking does not always work for Jeremy because in some countries, people consider it rude, and in other places, there may be little to no traffic.
5. The most difficult countries for Jeremy to find a lift were Italy and the USA, while the easiest places were Sudan and Syria.
6. Hitchhiking helps Jeremy understand the world better as it encourages conversations with different people from various backgrounds and opinions.
7. Besides cars, Jeremy has traveled in trucks, little home-made vehicles, tractors, and even on a donkey during his hitchhiking journey.
8. The most difficult lifts for Jeremy were those that required a boat, and it sometimes took him weeks to hitch a ride on a boat.
9. Hitchhiking on a boat is more difficult for Jeremy because he couldn't get a lift unless the boat captain agreed.
10. Jeremy is still excited about every new lift he gets, and he sees each driver's invitation into their vehicle as the start of a new adventure.
11. Answers vary, here is an expected answer: Jeremy Marie chooses hitchhiking because he finds it more social and adventurous, allowing him to meet diverse people and learn about different cultures. The benefits include low cost, freedom, and authentic experiences. However, safety risks, uncertainties, and communication challenges are drawbacks. Despite this, Jeremy's passion for exploration and meaningful connections outweigh the negatives, making hitchhiking a worthwhile choice for his journey.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (10)

Ready – Aim – Zap!

Answer Key:

1. App stands for application which is a software designed for a specific purpose that can be downloaded on mobile devices. It can help users with various tasks, such as finding a taxi, improving photos, or making music.
2. Augmented reality technology mixes the digital world with the real world. Apps using this technology can bring objects, characters, or video content to life when viewed through mobile devices.
3. The Zappar company has worked with publishing and entertainment industries, using augmented reality with printed books, magazines, greetings cards, and film posters.
4. The Zappar app brings film posters to life by animating characters on the posters. For example, viewing the lead penguin on the Happy Feet Two poster with Zappar makes him dance and appear in real-world settings when using the app.
5. Augmented reality technology can be used in advertising to provide interactive experiences with products. For instance, pointing a mobile device at a magazine ad can lift the product off the page and view it from all angles.
6. Zappar T-shirts are popular because, when viewed with the Zappar app, the designs on the shirts come to life with animated cartoon characters or interactive performances.
7. A Zaphat is an ordinary beanie hat with a digital mask. When viewed through the Zappar app, the mask appears over the person's face, turning them into various characters, monsters, or objects.
8. Examples of digital masks for the Zaphat include cartoon characters, scary monsters, and television screens.
9. The head of the clothes department in a UK supermarket decided to sell the Zappar range due to the invention's popularity and the expectation that customers would be interested in such innovative products.
10. The narrator's son used the Zappar app with a Zaphat to turn his friend into a zombie by placing a digital mask over the friend's face.
11. present simple
12. Answers vary, here is an example of expected answers: Augmented reality technology has the potential to transform advertising, entertainment, and interactive experiences. It offers engaging and immersive interactions with products and characters. However, challenges such as privacy concerns and overreliance on technology need to be addressed to fully utilize its benefits. Striking a balance between the advantages and drawbacks will be crucial for its widespread implementation.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (11)

Answer Key:

1. The stuntman arrived on the film set at 5.00 am and performed stunts such as jumping out of burning buildings, crashing through glass doors on a motorbike, and hanging upside down on a chain from the ceiling.
2. The use of special effects on computers has resulted in less work for the stuntman as many stunts can now be done digitally.
3. Product placement is advertising products within films to make money. It involves prominently featuring recognizable brands in scenes or having characters use specific products.
4. the hero being shown quietly drinking "Bullseye", the drink that "really hits the spot", and enjoying "Geronimo's Pizza".
5. Chased is an action movie with a lot of car chases. The hero is seen running, jumping through windows, jumping into cars, and riding motorbikes through narrow streets.
6. The main criticism of the movie Chased is weak acting. It is worth seeing for the special effects, especially if one enjoys action and car chases.
7. includes a guided tour, meeting the crew, watching scenes being filmed, and having lunch with the cast.
8. students will learn about the work of cameramen, sound and lighting engineers, and how special effects are created. They will also see how hair and make-up is done.
9. Students can win tickets to the film premiere next June by asking the most original questions during their lunch with the cast.
10. students will have the opportunity to watch scenes being filmed and witness stunts being performed while they wait to enter the studio.
11. Answers vary – expected answer: The use of product placement in films is a debatable marketing strategy. On one hand, it provides a way to generate additional revenue for filmmakers and advertisers. It also creates brand recognition and association with popular characters or actors, which can be advantageous for businesses. However, some argue that product placement can be intrusive and distract from the storyline, potentially diminishing the audience's viewing experience. Striking a balance between subtle integration and preserving the artistic integrity of the film is crucial to ensure product placement's effectiveness without negatively impacting the audience's engagement.

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (12)

Freerunner

Answer Key:

1. people perform stunts such as jumping from roof to roof, leaping over walls, and doing amazing acrobatics to get away from an enemy.
2. parkour is about getting from point A to point B in the most efficient way possible, while freerunning involves creating a journey that includes acrobatics and other tricks.
3. Some original parkour followers look down on freerunning because they believe it focuses more on attracting attention and showing off rather than the pure goal of overcoming obstacles.
4. The Tempest Freerunning Academy in California teaches freerunning skills in a safe environment by bringing outside obstacles into the gym with soft floors.
5. Freerunning requires physical and mental strength, excellent balance, and determination not to give up. It involves running, jumping, climbing, and swinging in unbroken movements.
6. The coaches at the academy claim that learning how to overcome physical obstacles in freerunning can also help individuals develop skills to handle the stresses of everyday life.
7. The Red Bull Art of Motion freerunning event in 2012 was a great success and took place on the Greek island of Santorini.
8. The Red Bull Art of Motion event on Santorini attracted large numbers of spectators, including both locals and tourists, who watched freerunners perform impressive stunts against the beautiful backdrop of the island.
9. Each new place offers different challenges to freerunners, pushing them to go beyond their limits and adapt their skills to unique environments.
10. Freerunning, also known as parkour, involves using the city environment as a playground or gym to perform acrobatic and athletic movements.
11. Answers vary – expected answer: The practice of freerunning and parkour can have a positive impact beyond physical skills, fostering personal growth, resilience, and the ability to overcome challenges in various aspects of life. The discipline required in mastering difficult movements can translate into greater mental strength and confidence in facing life's obstacles.