

End of Primary Benchmark

Tuesday, 14th June 2011

English: Listening

Total: 20 marks

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

Listen carefully.

Underline the correct word or phrase in the brackets.

(8 marks)

Gorilla walks upright

1. (Many, Few, Some) people have visited the park in the last few days.
2. The gorilla walks upright (to search for food, to see his keeper, to look for his father).
3. Thousands of people have (filmed, studied, watched) Ambam on YouTube.

School wins European Green Switch Award

4. St. Mark's School placed (first, second, third) in this year's European Green Switch Award.
5. Many schools (organised, won, took part in) the European Green Switch Award this year.

Weather report

6. The temperature (will, might, must) go up to forty degrees Celsius.
7. The news about the weather is being reported in the early (morning, afternoon, evening).
8. The fact that no rain is forecast is (good, great, bad) news.

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Task 2

Listen carefully.

(12 marks)

1. True, False or No Information Given?

Tick (✓) the correct box.

(5 marks)

a) All the actors in the Harry Potter film were happy when filming was over.

True False No Information Given

b) Daniel Radcliffe feels that his future will be great.

True False No Information Given

c) Daniel Radcliffe definitely wished to have Harry Potter's glasses as a souvenir from the film set.

True False No Information Given

d) Daniel Radcliffe helped Emma organise the dinner party.

True False No Information Given

e) After the dinner party the actors went to the cinema to watch the latest Harry Potter film.

True False No Information Given

2. Tick (✓) the best answer.

(2 marks)

a) According to Daniel Radcliffe, it is

quite common

very common

uncommon

for actors to play the part of an action hero many times.



b) Playing the role of Harry Potter has taught Daniel Radcliffe to

appreciate films.

write about films.

criticise films.

3. Tick (✓) to show the correct answer.

‘Once you’re in, you’re never really out’. Daniel Radcliffe said this about taking part in the Harry Potter films. By this he meant:

- a) You have to carry on playing the part of Harry Potter.
- b) You never really stop being part of the film experience.
- c) You will always have a job in films after playing Harry Potter.

4. Complete the sentences.

(4 marks)

- a) During the dinner party the actors talked about
..... and
- b) Daniel Radcliffe will not forget the people he worked with on the film because he says that

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English: Reading Comprehension

Total: 30 marks

Time: 50 minutes

Reading Comprehension 1

Read carefully.

Alex, Karl and Paula are working at their computer. They have found a useful children's website which they can use for their projects.



Hello, I'm Alex.

I need information about important inventions. I also want to find out more about the stars, knights, big cats, and ferry boats.



Hello, I'm Karl.

I want to learn more about guitars. I also need information about first explorers, Chinese food, and modern houses.



Hello, I'm Paula.

I need facts about sharks and elephants. I also want to read about how things float, and the moon.

Look at the website options on the next page.

Write the letters of the options that match their search topics.

(6 marks)

Search Topics					
Alex's topics:		Karl's topics:		Paula's topics:	
Example: important inventions	F				
the stars		guitars		sharks	
knights		first explorers		elephants	
big cats		Chinese food		how things float	
ferry boats		modern houses		the moon	

KidsClick WebSearch

your guide to the best children sites on the web

Educational

Fun Stuff

Grownups

A. Animals

F. Science

B. Sea Creatures

G. Cooking

**C. Musical
Instruments**

H. Buildings

D. Transport

I. History

E. Astronomy

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Reading Comprehension 2

Read the following comprehension passage that is divided into 3 sections to help you. THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW EACH SECTION.

Cars

SECTION 1 The car is part of life today just like the television, the Internet, the mobile phone or the laptop. Motoring as we know it today, however, is only a little over a century old. Most people know very little about the motor car even though they may be driving one. The car was also known by its other names: the automobile and the horseless carriage.



(paragraph 1)



It's hard to imagine life before the car, isn't it? It was a world of steam-trains, ocean-liners, horses and carriages. If you didn't own a horse and carriage of some kind, you had to walk or take a train.

(paragraph 2)

Cars have brought about many changes. It is now very easy to move from one place to another because of the car. The automobile has even changed where we build our homes. Before the invention of cars, towns were built so that people could get where they needed to go on foot or by carriage. Homes were built closer to town. It has all changed now.

(paragraph 3)

Questions on Section 1

(6½ marks)

1. a) Which **word** in **paragraph 1** means **a hundred years**? (½ mark)
- b) Which **word** in **paragraph 3** is **the opposite of few**? (½ mark)
- c) Which **word** in **paragraph 3** is **the opposite of difficult**? (½ mark)
- d) Which **paragraph** tells us about **modern inventions**? (½ mark)
2. **Underline the best answer to complete the sentence.** (½ mark each)
 - a) Before the car was invented, people used their (horse and carriage, horseless carriage, automobile) to travel.
 - b) Today homes can be built (closer to, away from, within) towns.
 - c) Before the invention of cars it was (less of a problem, more of a problem, no problem) to go from one place to another.
3. How did people move from one place to another if they had no horse and carriage? (1 mark)

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4. Write down the names of TWO modern inventions mentioned in this section. (½ mark each)
 - a)
 - b)
5. Write down TWO means of transport mentioned in this section. (½ mark each)
 - a)
 - b)

SECTION 2 The invention of the automobile was one of the most important in recent history. The famous inventors – Leonardo Da Vinci and Isaac Newton – drew the first plans of a motor vehicle. However, the automobile or motor car was not invented one day by one inventor. In 1806 a Swiss inventor by the name of Francois Isaac de Rivaz invented the first internal combustion engine. This early engine was fuelled with a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen. He used it to power one of the very first cars ever built. However, his design was very basic and so was not successful. **(paragraph 4)**

It wasn't until 1885 that Karl Benz, a German engineer and inventor, invented the first engine powered by petrol. Though there were other German engineers trying to invent a good design, Karl Benz is said to be the true inventor of the petrol engine. He used this engine to power one of the world's first cars. This early car looked like a seat on three wheels. It was not an ideal car, but Benz did not give up. Later, Benz created four-wheel car designs with improved engines.



(paragraph 5)

One day in August in 1888, Mrs. Bertha Benz, Karl Benz's wife, successfully started her husband's car. She went with their two sons for a ride. She drove them off to visit their grandmother and then drove back home three days later. The length of the trip was 200 kilometres. Mrs. Benz had successfully shown the world that the car could travel long distances! **(paragraph 6)**

Questions on Section 2

(6½ marks)

6. Read the following sentences. Write a **T** if you think it is true, an **F** if you think it is false and an **N** if there is no information in this section. *(½ mark each)*

- a) Leonardo Da Vinci designed the first petrol engine.
- b) Karl Benz had several competitors.
- c) Karl Benz was satisfied with his three-wheel car.
- d) Mrs. Benz had a driving licence.
- e) The boys' grandmother was happy to see them.



7. Why was Francois Isaac de Rivaz's car a failure?

(1 mark)

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8. **Underline** the best answer to complete the sentence.

(1 mark each)

- a) Isaac Newton was a (well-known, highly respected, much loved) inventor.
- b) Mrs. Benz proved that the car could go (far, fast, places).
- c) The first petrol engine was invented (after 1885, before 1885, in 1885).

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SECTION 3 In the United States, two men were making great improvements in the automobile industry. They were Henry Ford and Ransom Olds. Ransom Olds was the first to come up with a car that was low-priced and could be produced in great numbers so that the general public could afford it. However, Henry Ford greatly improved on Olds' design. His factory could produce vehicles more quickly using fewer workers. In just 15 years his factory produced 15 million motor cars. With the success of the Ford model, many other car companies began to produce cars. In the early 20th century many more changes were made and these improved cars greatly and now they are essential to our lives. (paragraph 7)

However, cars also create a wide range of problems. In major cities and large towns throughout the world, motor vehicles cause environmental problems. The good news is that future cars will make use of new energy sources and materials which are being developed in order to make cars cheaper to run, safer, more energy efficient and less polluting. As fuel prices go up hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles are increasing in popularity. (paragraph 8)

Also on the increase is the interest in model cars. Miniature motor vehicles such as cars, trucks and buses are very popular with collectors. These models are made with great attention to detail. Like real vehicles, they have a working steering, and opening doors, boot, and bonnet. They have detailed interiors, instrument panels, boots with spare tyres and engine compartments. One thing is different though! Collectors don't have to worry about pollution and rising fuel prices! (paragraph 9)

(Adapted from *EzineArticles.com* and *Wikipedia*)

Questions on Section 3 (6½ marks)

9. Read the following sentences. Write a **T** if you think it is true, an **F** if you think it is false and an **N** if there is no information in this section. (½ mark each)

a) Henry Ford and Ransom Olds were friends.

b) In Ford's factory, it took longer to produce a car than at Olds' factory.

c) Ford was the only person who owned a car factory.

10. a) Mention TWO good things about Olds' design. (½ mark each)

i)

ii)

b) Which TWO things made Ford's factory more successful than Olds'?

i)

ii)

11. Underline the best answer to complete the sentence. (½ mark each)

a) Higher fuel prices (encourage, force, allow) people to buy electric cars.

b) Miniature vehicles are (close copies, working models, perfect examples) of real cars.

12. Write down ONE disadvantage of today's cars mentioned in this section.

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13. Find a word from paragraph 7 that means we can't do without it.

(1/2 mark)

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14. What is the biggest difference, apart from size, between model cars and real cars?

(1/2 mark)

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Questions on All Three Sections of the text

(4 1/2 marks)

15. Why do you think the car used to be called "a horseless carriage"? (paragraph 1)

(1/2 mark)

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16. Find a word from paragraph 5 that means perfect. (1/2 mark)

17. Match the phrases with the person by writing the letter in the boxes. One is extra.

(2 1/2 marks)

- a) invented a petrol engine
- b) designed the first convertible
- c) drew the first ever plans for a car
- d) was not an inventor
- e) was the first to make a car work with a form of fuel
- f) owned a huge car factory

Karl Benz

Bertha Benz

Henry Ford

Leonardo Da Vinci

Francois Isaac de Rivaz

18. Underline what could be a better title for this text.

(1 mark)

- a) Cars are Cheap and Fast
- b) The Invention That Changed Our Lives
- c) Cars are Better than Trains
- d) The Popularity of Cars Nowadays

