

B1/B2 – Reading Comprehension Sample Tasks

1. B1 level - The Truth about Kids and Tech

Read the text below and match the headings A to H with paragraphs 1 to 5. There are two more headings than you need. Write the answers on the answer sheet.

- A. Boys prefer video games; girls prefer communicating online.
- ~~B. Reading is not dead.~~
- C. Most young people spend too much time looking at screens.
- D. Teens can look at more than one screen at a time.
- E. The Digital Revolution is not making young people more creative.
- F. Kids who use social media get more exercise than kids who play video games.
- G. Kids with smartphones watch less TV.
- H. TV and music are not losing popularity.

The Truth About Kids and Tech

A new study reveals some surprises about kids and technology

Common Sense Media, a non-profit group focused on helping children, parents and teachers better understand media and technology, has conducted a study. It looked at a wide range of media-related activities, from old methods like reading and listening to the radio, to new favorites like using social media and video chatting. More than 2,600 kids from around the country were surveyed. Here are some facts that the study revealed about tweens (8 to 12 years) and teens (13 to 18 years).

(0) B. Reading is not dead.

While the average time young people spend reading, either in print or on a screen, is only 30 minutes per day, kids who took the survey say reading is one of their favorite activities.

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One in five tweens uses more than six hours of screen media each day, and 18% of teens are looking at their screens for more than 10 hours a day. Often they're doubling up on screens, watching television on one while chatting with friends on another.

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Among tween boys, 71% enjoy playing video games, twice as many as tween girls. And while more than 25% of teen boys list playing video games as their favorite media activity, only 2% of teen girls do. Teen girls, meanwhile, spend about 40 minutes more each day on social media than boys do.

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For tweens, TV is still the top media activity. They enjoy it the most and watch it every day. In fact, 47% of tweens have television sets in their bedrooms. For teens, while 57% have TV sets in their rooms, music is the reigning form of entertainment. However, only about a third listen to music on the radio. Most teens listen to it on their smartphones.

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Kids report spending about an hour each day being active. For gamers, that average drops to 47 minutes, the lowest for any kind of media consumer. Social media users are the most active, spending one hour and 13 minutes per day doing some form of physical activity.

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So far, kids are too busy consuming to be doing much producing. Tweens spend an average of five minutes and teens nine minutes per day making something with all their digital tools, whether it's art, music, or writing.

In a statement, Common Sense Media chief executive officer James P. Steyer said that the study "provides parents, educators and the media industry with an excellent overview of what kids are doing today and how we can make the most of the media and technology in their lives."

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