8. *Answer: Who is the best at computer skills in your class?*

9. *Read the evolution of computers and answer these questions:*

1. Did people first use the word "computer" for people or machines?
2. Why was 1979 important for the home computer users?

Computers are now an important part of our lives. In 1613, the people first used the word "computer" for the people who carried out calculations or computations. From the end of the 19th century, the word took its meaning as a machine which carries out computations. In the beginning, people needed larger places where they put computers because computers were as big as a large room. Later, they became smaller and smaller.

Computers don't have one specific inventor. Many people have added their creation. 1936 was the year when the first computer appeared. In the next years, inventors all over the world tried to improve them. In 1954, they created the first successful programming language, so more people could begin to program computers. In 1955, they began to use the first computers in banks. The chip, which is a very important part of modern computer systems, came out in 1958. 1962 saw the creation of the first computer game, which is an important part of the computing experience now.

Douglass Engelbart created the "mouse", one of the most basic components of modern computers, in 1964. It obtained its name from the "tail" which leads out of the device.

1979 was perhaps one of the most important years for the home computer user. The first word processing program was for public sale.

After this point in computer history, many changes have occurred. Today, we have microcomputers and, young or old, we cannot do without them.