

## Read the text carefully and to the avtivites :

Do you want be to a better reader? ture off the televition! a recent study found that kids younger that 10 sped about two hours a day watching TV, playng video bames, or using computers. That is about the same amount of tlm they spend with a book! the study wich was released on Tuesday included mre than 1.000 parents of kids betweenthe ages of 4 and 10 years.

Spending a lot of time on the computer, warching TV or plaing video games con mak it hard to get better at reading.Kids who live in homes where the TV is on -most of the timeare lees likely to be able to read by age 6 .

Reading is still popular, though.Almost 80 percent of kids undrer 6 are exposed to book In fact researcher say kids spend and average of 49 minuts a day with a book. And what is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer? About 2 hours and 22 minutes.

Victoria rideout, a researche for the study, says: <kids, who watch TV, us computer, and play video games will have an advantage in their lives. » « media can help their learning but there are disadvantages, too. > she adds.

Dr. Henry shapiro studies kids' development and behaviours.He says:" reading, playing with toys, and talking with others is much better for kids' learning than watching TV ".He also says: " there is agood sid of TV, computers and video games; kids are home, safe, they arelearding things ".

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## a) Reading comprehention: (08 pts)

## 1) Choos the correct answer

The texst is taken from:
A) Anewspaper articale .

It is about:
B) a websit article.
A) Proving that reading is the best way to learn.
B) Proving that media are the best way to learn.

## 2) Answer bey true or fals:

1) Children spend less time watching TV than reading.
2) According to rideout media has disadvantages only.
3) TV affects children's reading habits.
4) Dr . Shapiro is totally convinced that TV is bad.

## 3) Answer the folloing question from the text:

a) When was the case study released?.
b) How many parents were included in the case study?
c) What was the age of their children?.
d) What is the affect of media on the children?.
4) In which paragraph is it mentioned that reading is much better for children's learninge than watching TV?
5) Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the texte?
They (§1)
Their(§4) . $\operatorname{she}(\S 4)$.

## B) TEXT EXPLORATION: ( 7 pts )

1) Find in the text words closest to the folloing:

Children.
difficult
2) Complete the folloing chart

| Verb-cole | ErradiNoun Ja Ta | a |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To hope | Advice |  |

3) Rewrite sentence" $B "$ so as it means the same as sentence" $A$ "
4) 
5) -A- Dr.Shapiro says:" there is a good dide of TV, computer and video game; kids are hom, saf, they are learning things."
6)     - B- Dr.Shapero said
7)     - A- The researchers enquire: " what is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV or computer?."
8)     - B- The researchers enquired
9)     - A - Cheadked me: "Doyounwant to be a better reader?."
10)     - B - She asked me
11) Mark the stressed syllable of each word in the folloing list. Operation - Strategic - Proverbial - Comedian
12) Fill in the gaps with: Waching - than - pictur - both.

We can learn a lot from $\qquad$ .books and televition.Howaver, Iprefer televition because it is mor relaxing .Mpreover, you have the sound and the
which help you understand better. Therefore, I spend more time wachi,g TV reading books.

## c) WRETTEN EXPRESSION: ( 05 pts)

Coose one of the folloing topics
Topics one: Use the folloing questionnaire results to write a report aboutbteenagers' reading habits.

## Reading habits- Questuionnaire results

Number of informants: 68 ( boys : 34 Girls :34)
Age: 15-20
Favourite readin: Boys: adventur stories (23) - detective stories (9)- newspapers (03) Girs: romences (20)- fairy tales (03)- novels (06)- magazines (05)

## Kind of rubrics ( newspaper/magazines):

Bys: sports events (32)- politics and world news (02)
Girls: hososcope (01)- celebrities'page (33)
Boys and giris have the same reading habits: Yes ( ) No (*)

Topic tow: write a short paragraph in wich you explain the effects the social medea have on student's school achievements.

Good Luck



## Part one: reading comprehension

## A) Comprehension

| Anszers | Points |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1) Chgoosig the right anszer: <br> a) The text is: a web article <br> b) It is about: children, media reading <br> c) The text aims at: proving that reading is the best way to learn. | 1.5 pts |
| 2) True/ False. <br> a) False <br> b) False. <br> c) True <br> d) False | 02 pts |
| 3) Answering the questions: <br> a) The survey was released on Tuesday(Oct 17 th,2017). <br> b) 1000 parents were includedin the case study. <br> c) Children were between 4 and to years old. <br> d) The effect that media can have on children Is that it can make it hard to get <br> better at reading. | 02 pts |
| 4) The idea is mentioned in the fifth paragraph. |  |
| 5) Reference words: |  |
| The (§1) $\longrightarrow$ kids younger than 10, Their (§4) $\longrightarrow$ kids'lives | 01 pts |
| She ( §4) $\longrightarrow$ victoria Rideout. | 1.5 pts |

## 1) Finding words closest in meaning to the folloaing:

Children ( §1) = kids $\quad$ Difficult $(\$ 2)=$ hard
2) Completing the chart:

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To hope | hope | hopeful |
| To advise | advice | advisable |
| To apologize | apology | apologised |

3) Rewriting sentence " $b$ " so as it means it means the same as sentence "a"
1.a) Dr Shapiro says: " there is a good side of TV, computer and video games; kids are home, safe, they are learning thing".
1.b) Dr Shapiro said that there was a good sid of TV, computers and video games; kids were home, safe, they were learning things.
2.a) The researchers enquire: "What is the average amount of time spent in front of the TV.
2.b) The researchers enquired what was the avarage amount of time spent in front of TV.
3.a) She asked me: " Do you want to be a better reader ?"
3.b) She asked me if $/$ whether I wanted to be better reader.
4) Marking the stressed syllable of each word in the list. Operation - Strategic - proverbial - comedian
5) Fille in the gaps:

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Watching television because it is adja wa Tafaouk mor relaxing. Moreover, you hane
the sound and the picture which
help you understand better.
Therefore, I spend more time
watching TV than reading books.
Part two: Written Expression
Topic One: Using the questionnaire results to write a report about teenagers reading.
Topic Two: Writing a short paragraph shedding light on the effects that social media have on student' school achievements.

