

SECOND TERM ENGLISH TEST N:02

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Reading is better

Do you want to be a better reader? Turn off the television! A recent study found that kids younger than 6 years spend about two hours a day watching TV, playing video games, or using computers. That is about the same amount of time they spend with a book! The study which was released on Tuesday included more than 1,000 parents of kids between the ages of 6 months and 6 years.

Spending a lot of time on the computer, watching TV or playing video games can make it hard to get better at reading. Kids who live in homes where the TV is on “most of the time” are less likely to be able to read by age 6.

Reading is still popular, though. Almost 80 percent of kids under 6 are exposed to books. In fact researchers say kids spend an average of 49 minutes 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 researcher for the study, said kids who watch TV, use computers, and play video games will have an advantage in their lives. She says media can help their learning, but there are disadvantages, too.

Dr. Henry Shapiro studies kids’ development and behaviour. He says reading, playing with toys, and talking with others is much better for kids’ learning than watching TV. He also says there is a good side of TV, computers and video games. “Kids are home, safe, they are learning things.”

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A/ COMPREHENSION / INTERPRETATION.**1. Choose the right answer.**

- a. **This document is:** -a) a newspaper article -b) a website article
- b. **It is about:** -a) children, TV and reading -b) learning with computer and TV
- c. **This document wants:** a) to convince us that reading is the best way to learn.
b) to inform us on the place of TV in children’s education.

2. Say if the following statements are true or false.

- a. Children spend less time watching TV than reading.
- b. Children do not read anymore.
- c. TV prevents children from learning.
- d. Dr. Shapiro is totally convinced TV is bad.

3. *Answer the following questions according to the text.*

a. When was the case study released?

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b. How many parents were included in the case study?

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c. What was the age of their children?

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B. Text exploration:

1. *Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following.*

a) Children = (§1) - b) Difficult = (§2)

2. *Complete sentence 'b' so that it means the same as sentence 'a'.*

a- "I am fond of computer games," **he said.**

He said that.....

b- "Do you have an e-mail box?" **she asks me.**

She asks me.....

3. *Complete the following sentences with "neither...nor" / "both...and"*

a. She prefersshoppingreading a book. But don't ask her to do the housework.

b. I willplay video games.....go to the movies. I just want to see a good film on TV.

4. *Complete the following paragraph with the appropriate word from the following list:*

watching, than, picture, both

We can learn a lot frombooks and television. However, I prefer television because it is more relaxing. Moreover, you have the sound and the..... which helps you understand better. Therefore, I spend more time watching TV reading books.

GOOD LUCK

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