

Grade 6 Term 2 Sample Reading and Writing

20 minutes

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Mark Sheet

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Reading		10
Writing		16

Part 1

Read the text then answer the questions. Decide if each statement is True or False. There is one example.

Lighting Up the World

Thomas Edison invented the modern electric light bulb. Before that, people used to light their homes with candles and oil lamps. Streets used to be dark because street lamps were powered by gas.

But Edison's invention changed all that, lighting up homes and cities with light that was safe, cheap and long-lasting. He didn't invent the first light bulb, but he improve the idea. He made it possible for millions of people to use electric light in the way that we use it today.

Edison was born in 1847 in the USA, when few people understood electricity. His school teachers thought he was 'difficult' because he got distracted easily. His mother was angry at his teachers' attitudes and decided to teach him at home instead. She was a very good teacher. Edison grew up to be one of the most important inventors of the 20th century.

Example: Thomas Edison was an inventor.



False

1 Street lamps used to be powered by oil.

True

False

2 Thomas Edison's invention made light cheap.

True

False

3 Thomas Edison invented the first lightbulb.

True

False

4 Edison was easily distracted at school.

True

False

5 Edison's mother taught him at home.

True

False

Part 2

Read the paragraph and then answer the questions. Write ONE word for each answer. There is one example.

A Famous Explorer

Roald Amundsen was a famous explorer from Norway. He is most famous for his expedition to the continent of Antarctica. In fact, he was the first man to reach the South Pole. This was a very big achievement. First, he had to sail from Norway to Antarctica - that voyage took six months. Then there was another journey over land to the South Pole - that journey took almost two months. It started on the 19th of October and he reached the South Pole on the 14th of December, 1911. They had a lot of equipment to carry over land, so Amundsen's team needed four sledges. As well as the sledges, the team also had to wear skis. There was also no modern technology in 1911 so they had to use a compass to find the South Pole. They took tents to sleep in and they wore thick fur coats.

Reading

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6 He was the	person to reach the South Pole.
7 It took six months to	on a ship from Norway to
Antarctica.	
8 Then the	over land began on October 19 th .
9 Sledges and skis were some	of the they needed.
10 Amundsen and his team us	ed a compass and slept in

Part 1

Write three paragraphs on your favourite sport.
You should include:
- why you like this sport
- how the sport is done
- how often you do this sport
Write 70-80 words.

Writing