



Presentazione del metodo True False Justification

Si propone agli studenti un testo rispetto al quale si formulano affermazioni che possono essere vere (*true*) o false (*false*). Si richiede quindi di decidere se tali affermazioni siano vere o false e successivamente di giustificarne la scelta (*justification*). La *justification* è data riportando le prime quattro parole della frase che contiene l'idea oggetto della domanda. Se non è presente la giustificazione la risposta è da considerarsi errata.



B2 Overall Reading Comprehension (Common European Framework): Can read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively. Has a broad active reading vocabulary, but may experience some difficulty with low frequency idioms.

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| TITLE | Reading in the digital age |
| NUMBER OF WORDS | 497 |
| READING BEHAVIOUR | Careful Reading |
| GENERAL FOCUS | Reading for main ideas and supporting details |
| CEFR LEVEL | B2 |
| TEST METHOD | True / False / Justification |
| NUMBER OF ITEMS | 6 |



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Decide whether the statements (1-6) are true (T) or false (F), then write the first four words of the sentence which supports your decision in the space provided.

The first one (0) has been done for you.

0. Books have been only partially replaced by online resources.

F

Nearly all of the

4 of 4 words maximum.

Q1. The more book sales decrease, the more books cost.

Seleziona una...

— Lasciare vuoto —

T

F

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Q2. In the past, children could choose from plenty of pastimes.

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Q3. Using electronic devices may improve our youth's writing accuracy.

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Q4. Reading is associated with a decrease in anxiety.

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Q5. Reading can deepen our understanding of the real world.

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Q6. Despite reading less, children's lives will remain the same.

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Keys

B2 Reading Comprehension

| | True [T] or False [F] | First four words |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 0 | <i>F</i> | <i>Nearly all of the</i> |
| Q1 | T | Fewer books are being |
| Q2 | F | Where once a child |
| Q3 | F | There are those who |
| Q4 | T | Research from the University |
| Q5 | T | Leaving all of this / Even in works of |
| Q6 | F | As books fade from |