

## THEME 8 DIGITAL ERA READING SKILL (PASİFİK)

### **A. Read the evolution of computers and answer the questions.**

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.

1. Did people first use the word “computer” for people or machines?

2. Why was 1979 important for the home computer users?

### **B. What happened in these years? Read the text again and write.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1936.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1954.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1955.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1958.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1962.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1964.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1979.

### **C. Read the text and write the positive and negative effects of social media.**

Humans like to remain in some group or another because they are social creatures and they prefer to follow what this group does. Therefore, billions of people use social networking to stay connected, make friends and satisfy their social needs. 72 percent of high school and 78 percent of college students would rather spend time on social media than do different activities. If they use social media too much daily, it will have negative effects on their health. It will also cause antisocial behaviours, anxiety, depression and other psychological problems. It can affect learning negatively, too. Studies show that middle school, high school and college students who check social media at least once during a 15-minute study period get lower grades.

On the other hand, people are free on these sites. They upload photos, songs, poems which they like and talk to people who they prefer. They make new friends and comment on the lives of different people. Young adults share their problems and learn to show empathy to their online friends. Shy teenagers learn how to socialize, too.

Social media definitely affects our lives, so we should use it carefully.

**Positive Effects :**

**Negative Effects :**

**D. Read the text again and answer these questions.**

1. Why do people like to remain in a group?
2. What do people do to satisfy their social needs?
3. What percentage of high school students spend time on social media?