

Reading Comprehension

Year 9 · Reading Comprehension · y9-eng-reading-comprehension — Answer Key

Teacher / parent use only — matches the question numbers in the companion _WS file.

Practice

1. fifteen minutes / 15 minutes
2. give themselves mild electric shocks / give themselves electric shocks / shock themselves
3. not what you would expect / opposite to common sense / surprising, against what seems logical / unexpected, going against normal expectation
4. the mind wanders and makes new connections between ideas when not distracted / without distraction, the brain has space to make novel connections / the mind makes unexpected connections when freed from stimulation
5. occasional or temporary boredom versus chronic or prolonged boredom / short-term boredom can be useful, but long-term boredom harms mental health / temporary boredom versus permanent, ongoing boredom
6. to argue that some boredom can be beneficial and shouldn't always be eliminated / to persuade readers that occasional boredom is valuable / to challenge the idea that boredom should always be avoided