

The Hertfordshire Reading Test

1. The dog has a ball
2. The cat is in the tree.
3. I go to bed at six o'clock
4. We are going to get some sweets.
5. I have a cup of hot milk at bedtime.
6. The children had crisps and cake at the party.
7. My aunt gave me a whole pound for my birthday.
8. The book was called the Mystery of the Disappearing Jewels.
9. Nearly every car needs petrol, oil, water, air and a good engine.
10. The puppy escaped through a hole in the fence and it was difficult to catch him.
11. The teacher had a very stern face and so the boy did not argue.

12. The thief took all the beer from the refrigerator as well as other valuables.

13. The ambulance came quickly to scene of the accident as the victim appeared to have hurt his knee and wrist.

14. They went to a foreign restaurant which had an orchestra playing and waiters wore smart black suits.

15. The giant ate a huge dinner and as a result suffered from violent indigestion.

16. The girl had an audition for a part in a major production at a famous London theatre.

17. The yacht, which cost half a million pounds to build, was launched by the distinguished visitor.

18. Severe weather conditions hampered the delivery of essential food throughout the north-eastern region.

19. The judge stopped the trial because the jury had been intimidated.

20. It was characteristic of Dad to say that, unless we took reasonable precautions, we could not go.

21. The nature Conservancy is to proceed under a compulsory purchase order to acquire land for a national reserve especially for wading birds.

22. Smoking is a known cause of bronchitis, cancer, asthma and, in exceptional cases, of pneumonia.
23. The prevailing tendency to abandon our artistic tradition leaves contemporary life bereft of philosophical significance.
24. For some unknown reason the majority of the audience missed the ironic humour of the comedy.
25. As societies process the organisation of a legal system is indicative of the development of stable government.
26. The production of an anti-caries vaccine may prevent the controversy over water fluoridation becoming a significant issue.
27. The first practical initiatives by the Alliance will be the circulation of a parliamentary newsletter and distribution of a questionnaire.
28. For some inexplicable reason my predecessor had disliked using photocopying facilities in the office.
29. The benign influence of certain Roman Deities was thought to protect the children from malignant forces.
30. The psychiatrist diagnosed that the patient undergoing analysis was suffering from schizophrenia.
31. Conspiracy to kill is an indictable offence and punitive measures are invariably taken.

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READING AGES

Line of 4 th mistake	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Reading Age		Reading Age	
	y	m	y	m
1	5	8	5	3
2	5	11	5	6
3	6	2	5	9
4	6	5	6	0
5	6	8	6	3
6	6	11	6	6
7	7	2	6	10
8	7	4	7	1
9	7	7	7	4
10	7	10	7	7
11	8	1	7	10
12	8	4	8	1
13	8	7	8	5
14	8	10	8	8
15	9	1	8	11
16	9	4	9	2
17	9	7	9	5
18	9	10	9	8
19	10	1	10	0
20	10	4	10	3
21	10	7	10	6
22	10	10	10	9
23	11	1	11	0
24	11	3	11	3
25	11	6	11	6
26	11	9	11	10
27	12	0	12	1
28	12	3	12	4
29	12	6	12	7
30	12	9	12	10
31	13	0	13	1
Able to start text	5	10	5	9
Finished before making 4 mistakes	13	6	13	3

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