

Worksheet Communicative English 6 – 1st cycle
“Reading comprehension”

Nombre: _____ Curso: _____		MARK:
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ANTES DE EMPEZAR: Lea el texto y si encuentra palabras que desconoce, búsquelas en el diccionario. Si se le presenta alguna complejidad con algunas frases, puede escribir el texto en Google y entender su significado en español. Comprensión lectora es una de las habilidades más complejas cuando se quiere adquirir habilidad en un idioma.

Read the following text and answer the questions. (Lea el siguiente texto y responda las preguntas)

TEXT MESSAGING TURNS 28

One of the information age's biggest successes has celebrated its 20th birthday. The very first, simple, text message was sent on December 3rd, 1992. It was sent by software engineer Neil Papworth to his boss at the British mobile phone operator Vodafone. It read simply, "Merry Christmas". Little did they know that their humble mode of communication would take the world by storm. SMS (Short Message Service) is today a multi-billion-dollar industry covering every corner of the globe. An estimated nine trillion (9.000.000.000.000) text messages are sent globally each year. Everyone from presidents to schoolchildren to villagers in remote parts of developing countries relies on it to communicate.

SMS is now an integral part of daily life for most of us. It is the favourite method of communication between family members. One study showed that the average American teenager sends up to 60 texts a day. However, SMS has also been blamed for a decline in language ability and an increase in traffic accidents. A new sub-language has spread worldwide as *texters* find shortcuts to write their messages as quickly as possible using the fewest possible characters. Texting shorthand such as LOL (laughing out loud) and OMG (oh my god) has even entered the Oxford English Dictionary.



I. Match the following expressions from the text with the right synonym, write the number in the corresponding line. (Escriba el número en la línea correspondiente de acuerdo al significado)

Age (1)	To take something by storm (2)	To rely on (3)	Shortcut (4)
Humble (5)	Villagers (6)	To spread (7)	Shorthand (8)

_____ people who live in small towns in the country.

_____ a period in history.

_____ a quicker and more direct way of going somewhere/doing something.

_____ a fast method of writing using special signs or short forms.

_____ not proud or not believing you are as important as other people.

_____ to depend on something in order to continue to exist.

_____ to involve or affect more and more people.

_____ to be very successful in a place.

II. Circle the right answer, according to the text: (Encierre la respuesta correcta de acuerdo al texto)

9. The first people who exchanged an SMS...

- a) couldn't imagine that this service would have an enormous success.
- b) were convinced that this service would be a very successful one.

10. The SMS is used...

- a) only by very rich people, such as presidents.
- b) by everyone all around the world

11. SMS is the favourite means of communication...

- a) between teenagers.
- b) between teenagers and adults alike.

12. SMS can have disadvantages, such as...

- a) it's too expensive and slow. It can cause finger accidents.
- b) it makes people lose their writing skills and it can cause accidents when driving.

