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English Reading Practice Papers Year 6

Book 3

Doctor Who.

'Doctor Who' first appeared on our televisions on Saturday 23rd November 1963. It was originally intended as an educational programme which the whole family could enjoy. The early Doctor Who episodes had no monsters or aliens, but told stories of historical characters which the Doctor and his friends were able to be part of because they could travel backwards or sometimes even forwards through time and space in the Tardis.



There had never been such a television programme before and many children watched it fearfully from behind the sofa or with their hands covering their faces!

During the nineteen sixties, blue police boxes were often to be seen on the streets of London. They were public phone boxes, where people could phone the police in an emergency. However, the Tardis, the Doctor's phone box was not an ordinary phone box: it was both a spaceship and the Doctor's home and laboratory. But more especially, it was much larger inside than outside!

Neither does the Doctor come from Earth, he is a Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey. The Time Lords were some of the oldest and most powerful races in the universe. Sometime in the future the Time Lords lost a war against the Daleks and the Doctor is the only known survivor. The Daleks were the first alien enemies of Doctor Who. Many monsters, robotic people and strange creatures from other worlds have faced and fought the Doctor and his companions over the past fifty years. However, as the Doctor is not human and has two hearts, he cannot die, but he can regenerate. That is, he can take on a new body, and a new face. Eleven different actors have played the Doctor since 1963, and the twelfth is Peter Capaldi. The programme originally ran until 1989 and did not re-appear on our screens until 2005 since when it has become one of our best-loved television series.

Cardiff has become the centre of the Doctor Who industry as all the filming for the programmes happens in new purpose-built studios in Cardiff Bay. Many visitors to Wales' capital city come for a good day-out to the recently-opened Doctor Who Experience which is an exhibition centre. Not only are there costumes and props from the programmes but you could also meet Daleks, Cyber-men and maybe even see the inside of the Tardis. Who knows, you may even find yourself travelling through time and space!

1. Write down the day, date and year when the Doctor Who programme was first broadcast?

Day:	Month:	Year
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2. Choose the best word or group of words to complete the sentence below and tick your choice.

Doctor Who was supposed to be a programme

only for adults	<input type="checkbox"/>
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full of monsters and aliens	<input type="checkbox"/>
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to frighten people	<input type="checkbox"/>
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for children and mums and dads	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. The text tells us:

There had never been such a television programme before and many children watched it fearfully from behind the sofa or with their hands covering their faces!

Choose and copy two things which tell us that children were frightened when they watched Doctor Who

i).....

ii).....

4. From the outside, the Tardis looks like a:

spaceship	<input type="checkbox"/>
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huge building	<input type="checkbox"/>
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police phone box	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Doctor Who's house	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tick **one** answer.

5. Find and copy three things from this paragraph which prove that the Tardis is not really what it appears to be from the outside.

However, the Tardis, the Doctor's phone box was not an ordinary phone box: it was both a spaceship and the Doctor's home and laboratory. But more especially, it was much larger inside than outside!

- i).....
- ii).....
- iii).....

6. The Doctor originally comes from:

the Tardis	
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Cardiff	
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London	
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Gallifrey	
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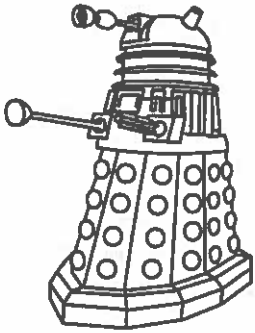
Tick **one** answer.

7. Read these sentences carefully and draw four lines to show the words which mean the same as the words in the sentence. One has been done for you;

The Daleks were the first alien enemies of Doctor Who. Many monsters, robotic people and strange creatures from other worlds have faced and fought the Doctor and his companions over the past fifty years.

foreign
persons
friends
half a century
animals

alien



8. How many different men have acted Doctor Who?

one	
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twelve	
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eleven	
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fifty	
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Tick **one** answer.

9. Doctor Who is filmed in Cardiff because that is where

a) they play rugby	
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b) they have built new television studios	
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c) there is a Doctor Who exhibition	
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d) Doctor Who lives	
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Tick **one** answer

10. For how many years after 1989 was Doctor Who not shown on the television?

21	
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2005	
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16	
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1963	
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Tick **one** answer.

11. What is the purpose of the whole text?

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| a) to persuade you to go to Cardiff | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) to make you laugh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) to frighten you | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) to inform you about Doctor Who | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one answer.

In the forest.

Catrin and Geraint ran like the wind. The moon shone through a gap in the trees and lit their path. They dare not stop, in case whatever was chasing them caught up with them. And then what?

"Ger, Ger, I've got a terrible pain. Please can we stop running?" Catrin was out of breath. She clutched her side as she ran.

"It's only a stitch", Geraint called over his shoulder. He was running faster than his sister and slowly moving further in front of her. Catrin just had to stop to catch her breath. She bent over to try to ease the pain in her side and as she did so, a cloud suddenly covered the moon and Catrin stood in the forest in the pitch black. She could hear Geraint's trainers crashing through the bushes somewhere to her right. She tried to call his name. She had to tell him that she didn't know where he was and that she couldn't see anything.

"Please wait for me!". Her voice came back to her ears in a weak echo. She knew that Geraint was now too far away to hear her.

Catrin walked on cautiously, peering hard through the darkness to try to locate the path, but it was as if a dark blanket had been thrown over the woods. She tripped on a fallen log and fell head first into a prickly bush. She felt the thorns scratch and rip her knees and arms and warm liquid trickled down her legs. She lay down behind the bush on a soft pile of fallen leaves and began to cry quietly. She didn't care any more if a monster was chasing them. She just wanted to go home.

"Please will someone help me?", she called out to the darkness. Just then, the moon re-appeared from behind the black cloud and Catrin could see the path again. She scrubbed her tears away and stood up. Maybe she could find her way home after all. "Ger!" she yelled. "Geraint. Can you hear me?"

"I can hear you very clearly". A strange and growly voice came from behind her. Catrin spun around and there was a large dog. Well actually, she thought, it's more like a wolf! A wolf! Talking to her? A werewolf - a man who turns into a wolf? Is that what she was staring at? "Are you lost? I'll take you home". The creature stepped towards her.

"No way!" Catrin took one last look at the green eyes and the animal's skinny furry body and she began to run.

"Oooff" She crashed into Geraint. They both landed in the leaf pile. "There's a werewolf", Catrin exclaimed, her hands shaking with fear.

"Where?" Geraint looked around at the darkness. Catrin and he were alone in the forest. "You fell asleep, little sister. You were dreaming".

"What? We weren't running through the woods, being chased by a werewolf and getting lost?

"No, silly billy" joked Geraint. "I'd just left you for a few minutes while I looked for a stream of clean water so we could boil our kettle. Look. That's our tent over there and I've just heated a tin of beans for supper. We're going to have a lovely night camping".

Catrin smiled.

1. The story tells us that "*Catrin and Geraint ran like the wind*".
What do you think this means?

a) the wind can run	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) they were running very fast	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) the wind was blowing them along	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) it was very cold	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick one box.

2. In the sky, the moon was:

a) like a lamp	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) a nuisance to them	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) helping them to see	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) covered by clouds	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick two boxes

3. Why were they running:

a) because they were having a race? ☐

b) because they were late? ☐

c) to catch a bus? ☐

d) away from something behind them? ☐

Tick one box.

4. The story tells us that *"Catrin was out of breath. She clutched her side as she ran"*.

Find and copy the word which tells us that Catrin was holding part of her body.

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5. Geraint tells her *"It's only a stitch"*. Does this mean:

a) he was a faster runner than she was? ☐

b) her dress was coming undone? ☐

c) she had eaten too much dinner? ☐

d) running made her side hurt? ☐

Tick one box.

6. Underline the words in the following extract which tell us that it was totally dark.

" She bent over to try to ease the pain in her side and as she did so, a cloud suddenly covered the moon and Catrin stood in the forest in the pitch black. She could hear Geraint's trainers crashing through the bushes somewhere to her right."

7. Read this sentence and draw four lines to show the word which mean the same as the words in the sentence. One has been done for you;

"Catrin walked on cautiously, peering hard through the darkness to try to locate the path, but it was as if a dark blanket had been thrown over the woods".

looking	woods
carefully	locate
forest	peering
find	blanket
bedcover	cautiously

8. What do you think the "warm liquid trickling down over her legs" was?.

- a) some mud from the path? ☐
- b) she had fallen into some water? ☐
- c) blood from cuts on her legs? ☐
- d) she had dropped her drink bottle ? ☐

Tick one box.

9. Put these events in order by numbering them from 1 to 5
One has been done for you

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|---|---|
| Geraint told Catrin that she'd been dreaming | 5 |
| A werewolf spoke to Catrin | |
| The brother and sister ran through the forest | |
| Geraint ran on without Catrin | |
| A cloud covered the moon | |

10. Copy and write down **three** things we know about the werewolf from this sentence

"Catrin took one last look at the green eyes and the animal's skinny furry body and she began to run"

- i).....
- ii).....
- iii).....

11. How was Catrin feeling throughout the story? Draw **four** lines to show how she was feeling at each point

when Geraint said she'd been dreaming

when the moon disappeared behind a cloud.

when the werewolf spoke to her

when she was lying in the forest

anxious

lonely

relieved

terrified



Curry.

Who doesn't enjoy a delicious Chicken Tikka Massala with rice or chips in an Indian restaurant or Beef Chop Suey from the local Chinese Take-away? Over the past fifty years eating foods traditionally associated with Asian countries has become more and more popular and Curry has therefore become one of our favourite foods.

But what is a curry? Dishes called "curry" usually contain either meat, chicken, fish, or vegetables. Each dish is served in a sauce made with blended mixtures of many different spices to give each curry its individual flavour. But of course, we think of curry as a 'hot' dish. A small amount of chilli adds a special spicy taste to the food but too much makes you feel that your mouth is on fire!

So how can we make a simple, tasty chicken and mushroom curry without using ready prepared curry sauce in a jar or a packet from the supermarket?

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 45 minutes

Ingredients.

250g. uncooked and diced chicken pieces.

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 onion finely chopped.

100g. mushrooms, cut into quarters

1 tin of chopped tomatoes

1 dessertspoon ready ground Curry Powder (which contains a suitable mixture of spices)

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon Chilli powder

Pinch of salt

Method.

1. Heat the oil and fry the chopped onion for two minutes in a large frying pan.
2. Add the curry powder and the chilli powder to the pan and cook on a medium heat without allowing the onion and powder mixture to burn.
3. Now, add the diced chicken pieces and fry gently, stirring with a wooden spoon.
4. After the meat has browned, add half a cup of water, the tomatoes, the mushrooms and a pinch of salt. Put a lid on the pan.
5. Cook for three quarters of an hour on a low heat. If the sauce becomes too thick add a little more water.
6. To decorate, sprinkle the food with chopped coriander leaves
7. Serve the curry with boiled long grain rice or naan bread.

1. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Curry is a favourite British food.		
You must cook this curry in an oven.		
This recipe uses a ready-prepared sauce.		

2. Tick the ingredients which are included in the recipe.

onion ☐

spinach ☐

ketchup ☐

yogurt ☐

chicken ☐

fish ☐

3. Underline the words which tell you that curry and chop suey are not traditionally British.

Who doesn't enjoy Chicken Tikka Massala with rice or chips in an Indian restaurant or Beef Chop Suey from the local Chinese Take-away? Over the past fifty years eating foods traditionally associated with Asian countries has become more and more popular and Curry has therefore become one of our favourite foods.

4. Which of the following phrases is intended to make you want to try making a curry?

a) heat the oil and fry the chopped onion ☐

b) each dish is served in a sauce ☐

c) a simple, tasty chicken and mushroom curry ☐

d) curry is a hot dish ☐

Tick one box.

5. In the recipe, there is a suggestion for making the curry easier to prepare. What is it?

a) serve the dish with oven chips	
b) use a whole chicken	
c) buy a microwaveable curry from the shop	
d) use ready-ground curry powder	

Tick one box.

6. Find and copy three pieces of equipment mentioned which are needed to make this recipe:

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

7. Number the stages of the recipe, from 1 to 6, to show the order in which they have to be carried out.

One has been done for you.

Serve with boiled rice or naan bread.	
Cook for 45 minutes.	
Add water and tomatoes.	
Fry the onion in oil.	1
Fry the chicken.	
Put a lid on the pan.	

8. Why might the chilli powder in the ingredient list cause a problem for some cooks and eaters?

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| a) you might forget to add the chilli powder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) the recipe does not mention chilli powder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) you might add too much and spoil the dish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) you don't need chilli in a curry | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one box.


9. Which ingredient does not need to be cut, chopped or measured?

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| a) the mushrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) the chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) the curry powder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) the tinned tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one box.

10. Draw four lines to show the words which mean the same as the words in the box. One has been done for you.

easy	blended
most-liked	restaurant
appetizing	simple
café	favourite
mixed	delicious



11. What should you do if the sauce becomes too dry?

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) add more water | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) turn up the heat | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) stir the sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) add more chilli powder | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one box.