

TASK 1
SCHOOL AND COLLEGE YEAR BOOKS IN THE U.S.

ANSWER BOX

EXTRACT	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ANSWER	B	A	J	F	H	G	L	E	I	C

TRANSCRIPT

Hello everyone, my name is Katya and I am from Maine in the United States of America. Each year, when an American student is in school, they are able to purchase a year book. When it is your senior year, which means your last year of High School, you get a professional picture taken. These pictures are called senior pictures.

B. HOW CAN YOU GET MORE PICTURES OF YOURSELF IN THE YEAR BOOK?

0. If you are a senior, your parents are able to pay money to include extra pictures of you along with a special message if they want to.

A. ARE THERE ANY TEAM PHOTOS?

1. Every club and every sports team at the school gets their picture taken by the year book staff. You will find these pictures in the back of the year book.

J. WHEN DID STUDENTS GET THEIR YEAR BOOK?

2. Unfortunately we always had to wait until the very last day of school to get our year books. However it was on that last day of school when we finally got our year books that my favourite year book tradition occurred.

F. WHAT DID YOU DO ONCE YOU GOT YOUR YEAR BOOK?

3. Once all of the students had their year books we began passing them around to our friends. When you were handed one of your friends' year books you wrote them a special note.

H. WHAT KIND OF MESSAGES DID PEOPLE WRITE IN YOUR YEAR BOOK?

4. In the notes people would often write about their favourite memories with you from that year, the classes you had together, the first time you met or how long you've known each other.

G. WHAT DID YOU EXPECT FROM BEST FRIENDS?

5. If someone was your very best friend then they were supposed to fill a whole page for you.

L. WHO ELSE TOOK PART IN THE YEAR BOOK TRADITION?

6. Often students would also ask their teachers to write notes for them.

E. WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY?

7. After school and on the last day my friends and I would get together and continue writing in each other's year books and also spend time carefully looking through every page, trying to find ourselves.

I. WHAT'S THAT TRADITION ABOUT NAMING YOUR YEAR BOOK?

8. Another fun fact about year books in the US is that they all have names, for example, in high school my year book was called the Crest and in college my year book was called the Manor.

C. HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW ABOUT YOUR YEAR BOOKS?

9. I feel a mix of emotions. I love reading through the messages my friends wrote to me and luckily I am still friends with a lot of the people who wrote me notes. But not all of them, so sometimes that makes me feel sad.

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TASK 2
MOUNT RUSHMORE

ANSWER BOX

QUESTION	0	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ANSWER	B	C	B	B	C	C	B	B

TRANSCRIPT

Located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, **Mount Rushmore is a monumental sculpture carved into the side of a mountain depicting four of the most famous and influential presidents in the history of the United States of America (0):** George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

The idea for the sculpture was suggested in 1923 as a way to bring visitors to South Dakota and sculptor Gutzon Borglum was selected to create it. Congress approved the project in 1925 but **work didn't begin until October 4th, 1927 (10).**

Over the next 14 years, 400 workers blasted more than 400,000 tons of rock off the mountainside using dynamite, finishing the details with jackhammers and chisels. **Despite the dangerous conditions, no-one died during the construction of Mount Rushmore (11).**

The face of George Washington was finished first in 1934, followed by Thomas Jefferson in 1936. **Thomas Jefferson had been planned to stand on Washington's right, but when the rock on that side was found to be bad for carving (12),** all the carving that had been done was blown off with dynamite and he was moved to the other side. Abraham Lincoln's face was finished in 1937, and **Theodore Roosevelt was the last one done in 1939 (13).**

Mount Rushmore cost less than one million dollars to complete. **Originally the sculptures were supposed to show the presidents down to their waists, but the builders ran out of money and so they just made their heads (14).** The heads of the presidents are 60 feet or 18 metres tall -that's the height of a six-storey building! **Their eyes are each 11 feet or 3.3 metres across (15)** and their noses are 20 feet or 6 metres long.

Today Mount Rushmore is carefully maintained to prevent cracking. **Each year trained mountain climbers scale the monument and seal tiny cracks before they can grow and cause parts to break off (16).**

Between two and three million people visit Mount Rushmore each year to see the colossal presidents, making it the most popular tourist attraction in South Dakota.

I hope you enjoyed learning about Mount Rushmore today. Good-bye until next time!

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TASK 3
NEWTON ABBOT

ANSWER BOX

SPACE	WORD
0.	railway
17.	difficult
18.	workshops
19.	gardens
20.	management
21.	levels
22.	library
23.	car park
24.	shops
25.	wealth

TRANSCRIPT

Newton Abbot is a town that was built on the prosperity of the railway (0) being brought through by Great Western Railways through to this part of the country, and then down on to Cornwall which opened it up. Up to that point people didn't come down here very easily, the travelling was very **difficult (17)** but in the Victorian period the railway came this far and Newton Abbot was particularly important because they had the big **workshops (18)** for the maintenance of the railway and their engines and repairs.

And based on that prosperity that the railway brought they built an enormous amount of the houses in the town. So, if you look around the town, on Wilbur Hill for example, you find the very big houses, big **gardens (19)**, room for staff, etc. And then along East Street, which is on the left-hand side, it's on a very steep hill, there are rows and rows of terraced houses there. And some terraced houses are bigger and smarter and they were built for the middle **management (20)** if you like, and then there are some others that were built more modestly for the workers. And so, in the town you can see the different **levels (21)** of the work or the earnings and the class of the different people in the different houses. And that's really... most of the building in Newton Abbot was done in that period. We also have a very nice building that was done by someone called Passmore, and it's the local **library (22)**, but it's being used for adult education. That's a very nice building, but generally in the sixties and seventies the centre of town was demolished and rebuilt. We now have the most hideous **car park (23)** in the centre of the town. I have to say it's awful, but the pedestrian area where **the shops (24)** are, that's really quite nice now. But it's all been based on the **wealth (25)** brought by the railways in the Victorian period.

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