



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language
Topic: Comprehension 3: Headphones through time
Total: 28 Marks

1. D: light 4 marks

Explanation:

The only word in the list which does not have a similar meaning to "hefty" is "light".

2. true 2 marks

Explanation:

Refer to paragraph 3: "...the invention of the Walkman triggered many changes in headphones. At the time, there was a growing industry ready to provide aftermarket accessories for personal stereos, like headphones. "

3. false 2 marks

Explanation:

To say that you are inseparable from something, means that you do not want to be separated from it. People take their headphones with them wherever they go.

4. amplifiers | radios 4 marks

Explanation:

Headphones weren't originally used as they are today. They were used as amplifiers for telephones and radios, not as devices with which to listen to music.

5. true 2 marks

Explanation:

Dictionary definition for "ergonomics":

noun

The way in which good design of equipment helps people to work better.

6. false 2 marks

Explanation:

"Headphones are here to stay."

7. Walkman | The Walkman brand 3 marks

Explanation:

"... the invention of the Walkman triggered many changes in headphones. "

8. changed | developed | matured | progressed | grown | advanced | expanded 3 marks

Explanation:

A synonym for "evolved" is "changed" or "developed".

9. unavailable | busy | engaged | occupied | closed | restricted 3 marks

Explanation:

The opposite of AVAILABLE is UNAVAILABLE.

10. the late 1930s | in the late 1930s | 1930s | the 1930s | 1930's 3 marks

Explanation:

"In the late 1930s, Beyer-dynamic officially invented headphones and commercialized them. " Although headphones have existed since 1919, they were only used as amplifiers back then. They were commercialized in the 1930s.

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