

# Mary Shelley

The writer Mary Shelley was born in London in 1791. Her mother died one month after Mary was born. She married a famous poet, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and they travelled around Europe together. When Mary's husband died in a boating accident in Italy, she returned to London.

When she was eighteen, she started to write her most famous book, the horror story Frankenstein. It tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who created a human monster in a scientific experiment.

## Reading comprehension 1

**Read the text about Mary Shelley. Are the sentences 1-7 true, false or not given? The first one (0) is an example.**

0. Mary Shelley died in London in 1791.

True

False

Not given

1. Mary was a baby when her mother died.

True

False

Not given

2. Her father was a scientist.

True

False

Not given

3. She was married to a famous poet.

True

False

Not given

4. Mary's husband died before Mary died.

True

False

Not given

5. She wrote *Frankenstein* when she was a teenager.

True

False

Not given

6. *Frankenstein* is a love story.

True

False

Not given

7. Victor Frankenstein was a monster.

True

False

Not given

# The Wright Brothers

The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur Wright, grew up in Dayton, Ohio, in the USA and they were sons of a minister.

When they finished high school, they opened a shop to build and repair bicycles. They started designing and building airplanes in their bicycle shop in Dayton.

They successfully flew a machine called The Wright Flyer on December 17, 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. It had a propeller and an engine with controls. It was the first airplane in history. Before that, people flew in balloons and gliders, but they could not control them. The brothers did not show their discovery to the world until 1908.



## Reading comprehension 1

**Read the text about The Wright brothers. Are the sentences 1-7 true, false or not given? The first one (0) is an example.**

0. The Wright brothers were American.

True

False

Not given

1. Their mother was a teacher.

True

False

Not given

2. They had a bicycle repair shop when they were at high school.

True

False

Not given

3. The brothers designed the airplane in their bicycle shop.

True

False

Not given

4. The airplane didn't have a propeller.

True

False

Not given

5. The Wright brothers gave the first airplane their own name.

True

False

Not given

6. They were the first people to fly in history.



True



False



Not given

7. The airplane remained a secret for five years.



True



False



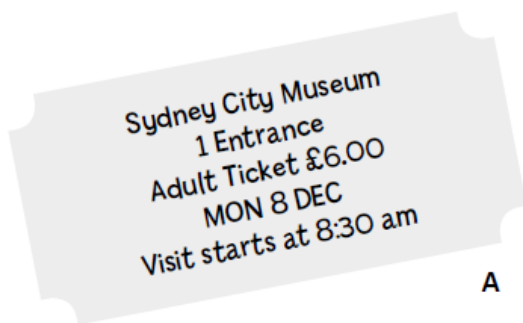
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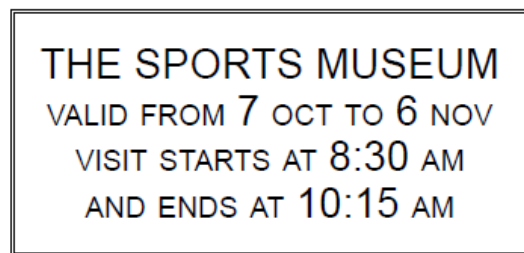
## Reading comprehension 1

Match the tickets (A-E) with the sentences (1-6). You can use a ticket more than once. Write your answers in the boxes. The first one (0) is an example. Click on the document to enlarge.

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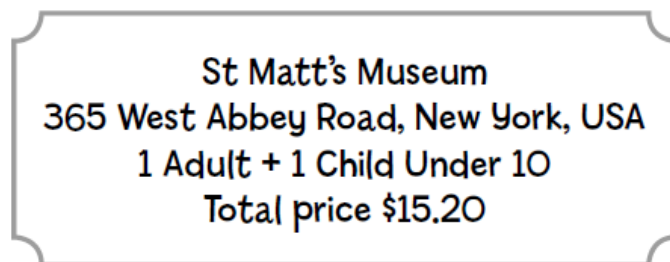
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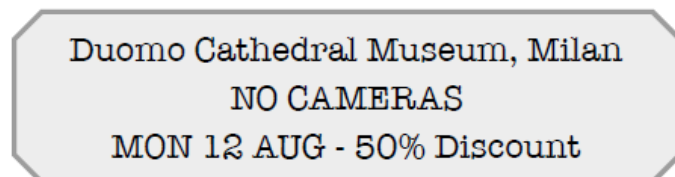
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C



D



E

0. This ticket costs £7.50. **C**

1. This ticket is valid for one month.

2. This ticket is for a museum in London.

3. This ticket is for two people.

4. This ticket is for a museum in Italy.

5. This ticket is only for an adult.

6. This ticket is half price.