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# Beginner Reading

## Traditional tale

Read the extract, *Sleeping Beauty*, and answer the questions about this text.

### Sleeping Beauty

Once upon a time in a faraway country there lived a king and queen. They lived in a beautiful castle and had many fine clothes, jewels and treasures. They had been married for many years but had no children. This made them very sad.

One day, the queen was walking beside the river at the bottom of the garden. Suddenly, she saw a little fish that had thrown itself on the shore. It was gasping for air. The queen was filled with pity for the fish. She picked it up and placed it back into the river. Before it swam away, the fish lifted its head out of the water and said, "I know what you wish for and it shall come true. You will soon have a daughter."



1. Who lived in the beautiful castle? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was at the bottom of the garden? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why were the king and queen sad? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the queen find on the shore? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the fish know about the queen? \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact file

Read the fact file, *Australia*, and shade one circle to show whether the sentences about this text are true or false.

**AUSTRALIA**  
**Country:** Australia

**Number of states and territories:** Six states and two territories

**Land area:** Australia is estimated to be 7,692,024 square kilometres and is the sixth largest country in the world.

**Population:** There are more than twenty-two million people living in Australia.

**Highest point:** Mount Kosciuszko is the highest point in Australia and is 2,228 metres high.

**World records:** Australia has more than 10,000 beaches, more than any other country in the world. Australia is also home to the longest piece of straight railway track. The track is 478 kilometres long and stretches along the Nullarbor Plain in South Australia. The world's longest fence runs through central Queensland and South Australia and is 5,531 kilometres long.

1. Australia is the largest country in the world.  true  false
2. The country with the highest number of beaches in the world is Australia.  true  false
3. Australia's highest point is the Great Dividing Range.  true  false
4. There are eight states in Australia.  true  false
5. The longest continuous fence runs across the Nullarbor Plain.  true  false
6. There are nearly twenty-two million people living in Australia.  true  false
7. The longest piece of railway track can be found in Australia.  true  false

# Medium Reading

## Poem

Read the poem, *My New Bicycle*, and shade one circle to show the correct answer for each question.

### My New Bicycle



I've got a bike and it's all brand new.  
It's silver and red with a touch of blue.  
It has a shiny bell and a soft black seat.  
I think my new bike is really rather neat.

I took it for a ride on my long hilly street.  
Round and round went the pedals under my feet.  
I sped around a corner and I lost control.  
I fell off my bike and I went for a roll.

I hit my head hard but it didn't hurt at all.  
Helmets are great when you have a big fall!  
My bike's now scratched on the bar that was blue,  
And I'm really sad because my bike's no longer new.

I rode back home on my long hilly street.  
Round and round went the pedals under my feet.  
I took the corners slow and went fast on the flat.  
I stayed on my bike and I didn't go splat!

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1. What sort of bike does the boy have in this poem?

- a new bike that is silver, red and blue
- an old bike that has a bell and a soft black seat
- a new bike that has a broken bell
- a new bike that has a bell and a soft blue seat

2. What was the boy doing when he lost control of his bike?

- going too slow
- going too fast
- going down a hill
- going backwards

3. What would be another good title for this text?

- Racing Cars
- Speeding Around Corners
- My Black Racing Bike
- Going Fast on Skateboards

4. The last three words of this poem are 'I didn't go splat!' What does this mean?

- The boy didn't dribble.
- The boy didn't slow down.
- The boy splattered paints everywhere.
- The boy didn't fall from his bike.

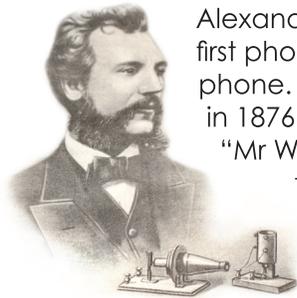
5. Why was the boy sad?

- He came off his bike.
- His helmet got scratched.
- He took the corner too slow.
- His bike was not new anymore.

# Advanced Reading

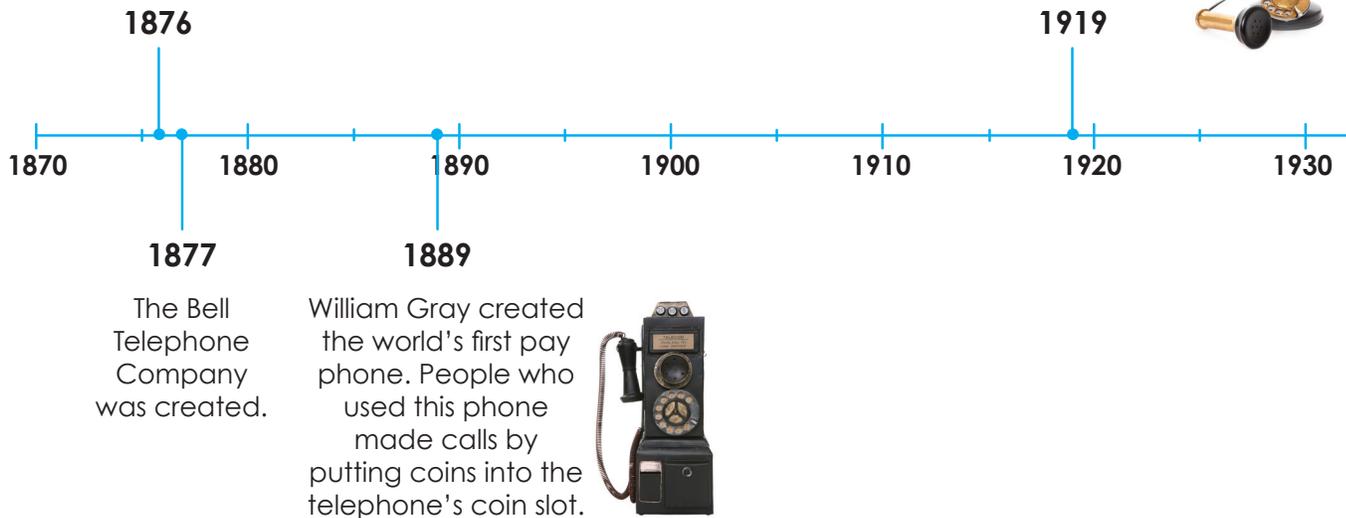
## Recount

### The Telephone Timeline



Alexander Graham Bell made the first phone. It was known as the Bell phone. He used it for the first time in 1876 when he said the words: "Mr Watson—come here—I want to see you." Mr Watson heard the message and it was the first message transmitted by telephone.

The first free-standing dial telephone was introduced to the public. These phones had a round dial with ten numbers and finger holes for dialling phone numbers.



Read the information on the timeline above and shade one circle to show the correct answer for each question.

1. Who used the first phone for the first time?

- William Gray       Mr Watson       Alexander Bell

2. In what year were telephones with round dials introduced?

- 1963       1919       1877

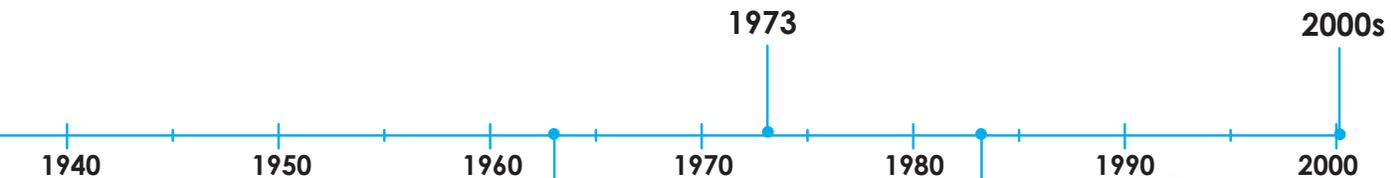
3. What were the first mobile phones like?

- big       small       round



Today we use tiny mobile phones that have many different features on them. They can be used to make phone calls, send text messages, play games, take photos and videos, record things and surf the Internet.

A man called Martin Cooper placed the first phone call made from a hand-held mobile phone. This began the era of hand-held cellular mobile phones.



**1963**

Push button telephones were introduced to the public. Instead of a round dial, they had push-button numbers.

**1973**

The first public mobile phone system was opened and mobile phones became available. The first mobile phones were very big.

**1983**



**2000s**

4. What did William Gray make?

- a mobile       push buttons       pay phone

5. When were the words: "Mr Watson—come here—I want to see you." spoken?

- 1877       1973       1876

6. Who placed the first call from a hand-held mobile phone?

- Martin Cooper       William Gray       Mr Watson

7. When was the Bell Telephone Company created?

- 1889       1919       1877

