

**B. State whether the following statements are true or false.**

1. The old book had been found in the attic of Margie's house.
2. Margie did not use ordinary writing to state her answers to test papers.
3. Since they had mechanical teachers in their own houses, children like Margie and Tommy did not have to study at a fixed time each day.
4. The mechanical teacher in each house was adjusted to suit the ability of the child using it.
5. Tommy was acting superior with Margie.

False

True

False

True

True

**C. Explain with reference to context.**

1. "Gee," said Tommy, "What a waste! When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess."

Tommy said that if anybody read the book, he would throw it away.

2. Margie had hoped he wouldn't know how to put it together again.

Margie was hoping that the county inspector didn't know how to assemble the computer which was teaching her so that she could have some holidays.

3. "A man isn't smart enough."

Margie said this line to Tommy because Margie thought that a man is not smart enough to be a teacher.

4. "I didn't say I didn't like it."

When Tommy said that she could leave the book if she didn't like it. Then Margie told him that she liked it.

5. She was thinking about the fun they had.

During her virtual class, she was thinking about the fun the kids had in old kind of schools.

**COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES**

Read the following paragraph.

The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing **worse and worse** until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the Country Inspector.

We repeat comparatives like this (**worse and worse**) to say that something is changing continuously.

**A. Complete the sentences using comparatives (using ...and... wherever necessary)**

1. It is becoming harder to find a job. (hard)
2. The hole in your pullover is getting bigger (big)
3. My bags seemed to get heavier as I carried them. (heavy)
4. As I waited for my interview, I became more nervous. (nervous)
5. As the day went on, the weather got worse and worse (bad)
6. Travelling is becoming more expensive. (expensive)
7. Since she has been in Britain, her English has got better. (good)
8. As the conversation went on, he became more talkative (talkative)

**Read the given sentence.**

My father knows **as much as** my teacher.

**B. Complete the sentences using as....as. One is done for you as an example. Choose one of the following to complete the remaining sentences.**

bad uncomfortable fast long often quietly soon well well-qualified

1. I'm sorry I'm a bit late. I got here as fast as I could.
2. It was a difficult question. I answered it as well as I could.
3. "How long can I stay with you?" "You can stay as long as you like."
4. I need the information quickly, so please let me know as soon as possible.
5. I like to keep fit, so I go swimming as often as I can.
6. I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in as quietly as I could.

7. I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's as uncomfortable as sleeping in that hard bed.
8. How did he get the job? I'm as <sup>well</sup> qualified as he.
9. At first, I thought you were nice but really you're as bad as everybody else.

## Vocabulary

A. Briefly explain the meaning of the words and expressions in italics in the sentences given below.

1. When you are *through with the book*, you just throw it away, I guess.

→ When you have finished reading the book.

2. *It is good for* plenty more.

→ It is good for them to have more

3. Her mother had *sent for* the County Inspector

→ To ask someone to come to you

4. He then *took the teacher apart*.

→ took the computer away.

5. *Sure* they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher.

→ Having no doubt that they had a teacher

6. *Just the same*, they didn't do it that way then.

→ In the same way

B. Match the words given under column A with the meanings given under column B. B has some extra items.

### Column - A

1. neighbourhood
2. attic
3. centuries
4. slot
5. scornful
6. average
7. crinkly
8. adjust

### Column - B

- a. put inside
- b. hundreds of years (3)
- c. of ordinary or usual standard (6)
- d. make suitable for use (8)
- e. a hole or opening (4)
- f. full of bad feelings (5)
- g. a small room just under the room of a house (2)
- h. crumpled (7)
- i. nearby area (1)

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**C. Make sentences of your own using the given words.**

1. mechanical : \_\_\_\_\_
2. disappointed : *He is disappointed with me.*
3. dispute : \_\_\_\_\_
4. loftily : \_\_\_\_\_
5. fault : \_\_\_\_\_