

Form 9

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Тема уроку : Контроль читання. Test in Reading.

1. Read the text and do the tasks.

Radio presenter

Good afternoon and welcome to our programme, 'Family Tips'. Today we're talking about the problems parents have in deciding when their children are old enough to stay at home by themselves for the three or four hours between school and the time mothers get back from work. We have with us in the studio, psychologist Alex Clarke.

Alex, at what age is it safe to give children the front door key and what sort of things should parents discuss with their children first to ensure their safety?

Alex Clarke

It is generally accepted that kids between ten and thirteen are capable of taking care of themselves and their siblings, but what you really need to assess is their maturity. If you're confident they can follow instructions and handle emergencies, the next step is to establish some rules. First, have a plan of action for them to check in with you when they get home - it's important they ring you as soon as they get in. Then you should give them a call when you leave work to go home. You should agree what to do when the phone rings or if someone comes to the house. It is best to teach them never to open the door to anyone, regardless of whether they know them or not. Then little by little get your children used to a new situation where they are left alone - initially for a very short time, say, about 20 minutes. Make sure that you have a trial period in which your kids can familiarise themselves with using the house key. Instruct them to always keep it in their school bag and attach a long key chain that will help them to find the key easily. Make emergency numbers available by leaving them near the phone. Leave snacks that they can eat straight away without having to cook - using the cooker is the leading cause of accidents. Show your children where the medical kit and fire extinguishers are and teach your children how to use them. Lock away medicines and alcoholic drinks. And don't forget to talk frequently to your children about all sorts of situations that might happen. You could even use role-play as a technique for showing them how to deal with such situations.

2. Read the text and answer the questions:

Task 1.

1. How can we ensure our children's safety when they are alone at home?
2. What useful information can you find in this text?
3. How to train children to be independent when they grow up?
4. What are the dangers that children have to face in their everyday lives?

Task 2

Read the text again and decide which five out of the ten pieces of advice are given in the text:

- A. Your decision should not only be based on your children`s age
 - B. Tell your children not to answer telephone calls
 - C. Instruct your children to open the door only to people they know well
 - D. Don`t leave your children alone for more than three hours.
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- E. Teach your children to keep the house key in their school bags.
 - F. Don't allow your children to use the cooker.
 - G. Teach your children what to do in case of fire.
 - H. Ask a neighbour to keep an Eye on what's going on.
 - I. Keep alcohol out of the reach of your children.
 - J. Don't stress your children by talking about possible dangers.

Task 3.

Give some your own advice on how to keep children safe.

New vocabulary:

To ensure-забезпечити;

to keep an eye-прослідкувати

handle emergencies-Вирішувати надзвичайні ситуації.

Homework: Підготуватись до усного мовлення.