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Father of modern computing to appear on banknote

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THE READING

Alan Turing, the father of modern computer science, will be honored by appearing on a U.K. banknote. Mr Turing was chosen ahead of many British historical figures to be on the new £50 note. Turing helped Britain and its allies win World War II. He helped to crack the Enigma code the Nazis used to send its messages. He invented a giant computer to do this. The computer saw in the birth of modern computing and the start of artificial intelligence.

Alan Turing was a maths genius. He was born in London in 1912 and graduated from Cambridge University. He created an algorithm-based computing machine. He said: "This is only a foretaste of what is to come, and only the shadow of what is going to be." Despite his key role in ending WWII, he was ill-treated after the war for being homosexual. Being gay was illegal in the UK until 1967. Turing died in 1954, aged 41. Police said it was suicide.

Sources: https://www.**theguardian.com**/science/2019/jul/15/alan-turing-father-of-modern-computing-50-pound-note
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PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. appearing on a
2. chosen ahead of many British
3. Turing helped Britain and
4. He helped to crack
5. the Nazis used to
6. He invented a giant computer
7. the birth of modern
8. the start of artificial

a. computing
b. its allies
c. intelligence
d. send its messages
e. historical figures
f. the Enigma code
g. to do this
h. U.K. banknote

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Alan Turing was a maths
2. an algorithm-based
3. This is only a foretaste
4. the shadow of
5. his key role in
6. he was ill-treated after the war
7. Being gay was illegal in
8. Police said it

a. the UK until 1967
b. genius
c. was suicide
d. ending WWII
e. computing machine
f. what is going to be
g. for being homosexual
h. of what is to come

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Alan Turing, the father of modern computer science, (1) _____ by appearing on a U.K. banknote. Mr Turing was chosen (2) _____ British historical figures to be on the new £50 note. Turing helped Britain and (3) _____ World War II. He (4) _____ the Enigma code the Nazis used to send its messages. He invented a giant computer (5) _____. The computer saw in (6) _____ modern computing and the start of artificial intelligence.

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COMPUTERS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about computers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(computers).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(computers).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **computers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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