

Laptop learning in Italy

Children at a school in Italy have begun an experiment to replace all their books with personal computers. The pupils involved will each be given a special laptop that contains their entire curriculum.

1. Which statement is NOT correct?
 - a. Until today, school children used pens and books in the process of learning.
 - b. In Turin, there is only one elementary school.
 - c. There is no other experiment like the one in Turin.

2. How many students will use their laptops to learn?
 - a. More than 60 pupils.
 - b. Only a small number of third-graders.
 - c. All the students from the school.

3. The laptops...
 - a. ... don't include Windows software.
 - b. ... cannot be programmed during the lessons.
 - c. ... are equipped with all the studying material the children need.

4. What will the children use their computers for?
 - a. For reading and writing only.
 - b. For all their writing and reading.
 - c. All the children will read each others writing.

5. Why do the laptops include security systems?
 - a. To control which websites the children can visit.
 - b. To guarantee that there is always an access to the internet.
 - c. To give the children stricter grades when they work on internet projects.

6. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a. The laptops weigh less than 1 kilogram.
 - b. The laptops will break if you drop them from a height of one meter.
 - c. The laptops must not get in contact with water.

7. How much do the laptops cost?
 - a. More than schoolbooks.
 - b. The same amount as school books.
 - c. Not as much as school books.

8. Which statement, according to the text, best describes the idea behind the project:
 - a. School children should learn how to handle computers from an early age.
 - b. Schools want to verify that learning with computers can be successful.
 - c. School teachers want to try a new scientific project for the first time.

9. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?
 - a. Parents support the experiment.
 - b. The experiment will take place for one year.
 - c. Computer processors have improved in the last year.