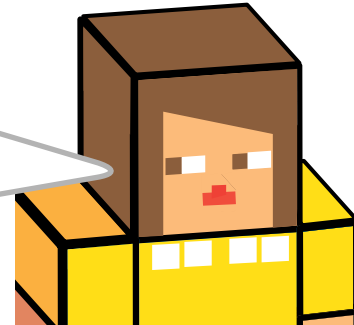# MINECRAFT Reading Comprehension

> Minecraft is an exploration and creative coding game for adults and children that can be played on a variety of consoles and mobile devices. There are two versions of Minecraft - creative and survival mode.

## What modes are there?

If you play in creative mode you can make anything you want, including houses, art, inventions, villages, worlds... the choice is yours. You cannot die in creative mode unless you fall out of the world. In survival mode you need to gather resources and survive in any way you can. You can be killed by mobs including creepers, skeletons, zombies, and the mysterious Enderman (and more). One of the fun things to do in Minecraft is tame animals such as parrots, horses, dogs, and cats to be your pets.

## How did it start?

Minecraft was invented by a man who goes by the name of Notch (his real name is Markus Persson) and it was released in 2011. It is the best-selling game of all time, with over 180 million copies sold across all platforms and over 112 million monthly actively players.

## How do you play?

To play the game you have to collect wood, use that to create a crafting table and a pickaxe/sword. If you have the pickaxe, then collect stone and use that to create a new stone pickaxe, and then use that to obtain iron. You need to get iron so that you can collect diamonds. With iron, diamond and gold and leather, you can craft armour and you can get chain mail armour from villagers. Players can mine "blocks" which can be used to build things.

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## About Villagers

In the game, there is a society of people called villagers who have no hair and large noses. They're not human, and are known as NPC (non-player characters). They also have an evil variant known as the "pillager". Pillagers are grey villagers with three types; vindicators, raiders and ravages.

## About Ancient Civilisations

In the game there are traces from a long-lost civilisation prior to the Minecraft worlds, with ruins of desert temples, jungle temples, random bits of mossy cobblestone, underwater ruins, underwater temples, and the most important of which is The Stronghold. The Stronghold contains the Ender Portal, which leads to the End. The End is like an alien moon with pillars of obsidian with End crystals which can be blown up to prevent the main boss of the game (the Ender Dragon) from regenerating. If you beat it, you will see a dragon egg on a pillar which will disappear once you punch it. To get the egg - you will need to figure this part out for yourself.

## About Food

In Minecraft you also need to create a sustainable food source which can be obtained via animals, or crops (or zombies!). Almost everything is edible (apart from the blocks) including carrots, melon, pumpkin pie, cake, chicken, bread and beef. Some of these things you have to make from their ingredients. For example, you will need wheat to create bread. Meats can be smelted in the furnace to ensure they are cooked.
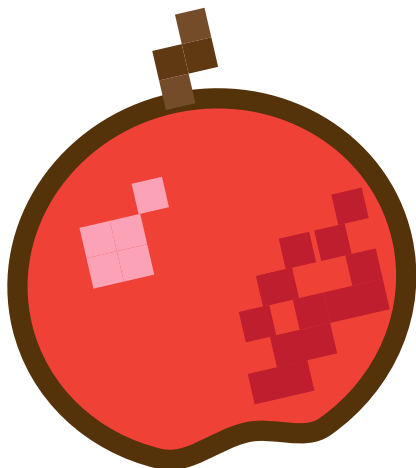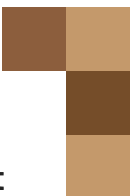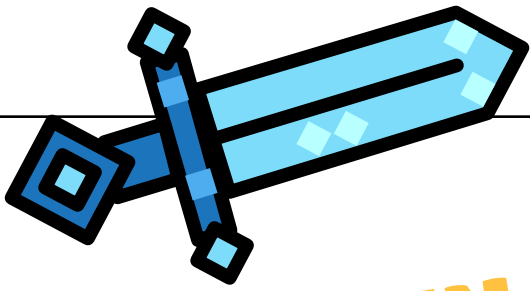
## TOOLS IN MINECRAFT

› Swords

› Pickaxes

› Bows

› Crossbows

› Axes

› Hoes

› Shovels

› Shields

**These are used by the player to create farms, defend yourself, mine, chop down trees and clear out large areas.**
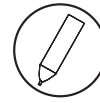
## Why is Minecraft so popular?

**Minecraft is around 10 years old and is still going strong.**

It has faced lots of challenges and competitors but still continues to be popular with all age groups.

It allows people to be really creative and gain coding skills, whilst building interesting and creative worlds.

# MINECRAFT Reading Comprehension

## Answer the questions below.

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2. What are the two versions of Minecraft?

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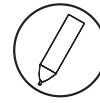3. How are the two versions of Minecraft a) the same and b) different?

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4. How can you be killed in Mincecraft?

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5. What animals can be tamed in Minecraft?

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6. Who invented Minecraft?

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7. What does this mean - "goes by the name of Notch"?

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## Answer the questions below.

**8.** What different types of villagers are there?

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**9.** Why do you need to collect iron?

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**10.** What are the clues in the game that tell you there was an ancient civilisation?

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**11.** What does the Stronghold contain?

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**12.** What can happen to the dragon egg?

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**13.** What does "regenerating" mean?

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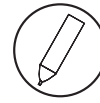
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**16**. What does the word "edible" mean?

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**17. What does this part mean** "Meats can be smelted in the furnace to ensure they are cooked."

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**18**. Which of these are Minecraft tools? (Tick more than one box!)

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| ☐ brushes | ☐ axes |
| ☐ swords | ☐ screwdrivers |
| ☐ shields | ☐ hoes |
| ☐ rakes | ☐ crossbows |
| ☐ bottles | ☐ mobile phones |

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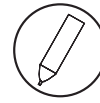
**19**. "Minecraft is around 10 years old and is still going strong".
**From what you have read in the text, why do you think this is? Explain your answer.**

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**20. Do you like Minecraft? Why? Why not?**

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