

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about coding and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... the curriculum | a. to tell someone that they are doing well and that they should continue |
| 2..... computer code | b. a person who does a job without pay |
| 3..... to encourage someone | c. a large quantity |
| 4..... a geek | d. a language used to give instructions to computers |
| 5..... a volunteer | e. negative comments; comments about why something is not good |
| 6..... a laptop | f. the plan of all the subjects that are taught in a school |
| 7..... plenty | g. a negative word to describe a person who likes computers |
| 8..... criticism | h. a portable computer |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. The internet was 25 years old in March 2014. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. The British government wants schools to teach a new subject. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Amy Mathers learned how to code when she was a teenager. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Amy teaches children how to code at lunchtime. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Steven Flower's coding club is very expensive. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. There are more boys than girls at Steve Flower's coding club. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. All British teachers know computer coding. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. One of the organisers of the Year of Code campaign told a TV interviewer that she can code. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your grammar: reordering

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. 2014 is the | the UK. | Code | in | Year of

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2. British | taught to | will be | Computer coding | schoolchildren.

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3. to call | is | herself | a geek. | Amy Mathers | happy

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4. when | 11. | Amy Mathers | started | she was | coding

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5. of people | is popular | smartphones. | that coding | because lots | have | Amy says

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6. a laptop if | take | you go | You have to | to a CoderDojo | coding club.

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7. every month. | his club | Steven Flower | 150 young | has about | people at

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8. teachers aren't | of Code | ready to | teach | is that | of the Year | coding yet. | One criticism

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Discussion

Can you code? Would you like to learn more about it?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.