



ENGLISH

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Thinking About The Text

1. Here are some headings for paragraphs in the text. Write the number(s) of the paragraph(s) for each title against the

heading. The first one is done for you.



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2. Who had these opinions about Einstein?

(i) He was boring.

(ii) He was stupid and would never succeed in life.

(iii) He was a freak.



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3. Explain what the reasons for the following are.

Einstein leaving the school in Munich for good.



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4. Explain what the reasons for the following are.

Einstein wanting to study in Switzerland rather than in Munich.



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5. Explain what the reasons for the following are.

Einstein seeing in Mileva an ally.



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6. Explain what the reasons for the following are.

What do these tell you about Einstein?



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7. What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office? Why?



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8. Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?



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9. How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?



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10. Why does the world remember Einstein as a “world itien”



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11. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein publishes his special theory of relativity.



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12. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

He is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.



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13. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein writes a letter to U.S. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and warns against Germany's building of an atomic bomb.



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14. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein attends a high school in Munich.



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15. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

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Einstein's family moves to Milan.



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16. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein is born in the German city of Ulm.



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17. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein joins a university in Zurich, where he meets Mileva.



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18. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Einstein dies.



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19. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

He provides a new interpretation of gravity.



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20. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

Tired of the school's regimentation, Einstein withdraws from school.



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21. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

He works in a patent office as a technical expert.



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22. Here are some facts from Einstein's life.

Arrange them in chronological order.

When Hitler comes to power, Einstein leaves

Germany for the United States.



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Thinking About Language

1. Here are some sentences from the story.

Choose the word from the brackets which can

be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

A few years later, the marriage faltered. (failed, broke, became weak)



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2. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

Einstein was constantly at odds with people at

the university. (on bad terms, in disagreement, unhappy)



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3. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

The newspapers proclaimed his work as “a scientific *reolution*.” (declared, praised, showed)



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4. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

Einstein got ever more involved in politics, *agitating* for an end to the arms buildup.

(campaigning, fighting, supporting)



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5. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

At the age of 15, Einstein felt so stifled that he left the school for good, (permanently, for his benefit, for a short time)



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6. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

Five years later, the discovery of nuclear fission in Berlin had American physicists in an uproar. (in a state of commotion, full of criticism, in a desperate state)



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7. Here are some sentences from the story. Choose the word from the brackets which can be substituted for the italicised words in the sentences.

Science wasn't the only thing that appealed to the dashing young man with the walrus moustache. (interested, challenged, worried)



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8. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

____, the fire fighters finally put out the fire.

(They worked round the clock.)



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9. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

She watched the sunset above the mountain,
____ (She noticed the colours blending softly
into one another.)



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10. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

The excited horse pawed the ground rapidly,
____ (While it neighed continually.)



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11. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

____, I found myself in Bangalore, instead of Benaras. (I had taken the wrong train.)



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12. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

____, I was desperate to get to the bathroom. (I had not bathed for two days)



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13. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

The stone steps, ____ needed to be replaced.

(They were worn down).



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14. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with suitable participial clauses.

The information that has to be used in the phrases is provided as a sentence in brackets.

The actor received hundreds of letters from

his fans, ____ (They asked him to send them his
photograph.)



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