

46. Which one of the following correctly completes the sentence?

When I finish school, _____ have plenty of time to play.

I'm

I've

I'll

I was

47. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

There are many stars and planets _____ our solar system.

beyond

above

before

behind

48. Which sentence is correct?

- I love autumn although its many and varied colours.
- I love autumn before its many and varied colours.
- I love autumn, especially its many and varied colours.
- I love autumn because its many and varied colours.

49. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- At the fruit shop I bought bananas, pears and apples.
- At the fruit shop I bought bananas, pears, and apples.
- At the fruit shop I bought bananas pears and apples
- At the fruit shop I bought bananas pears, and apples.

50. Some punctuation marks have been left out of the text below. Shade one bubble to show the best place for the apostrophe.

The boys books and pencils were found at the bottom of his school bag.

THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS

The invention of the printing press is regarded as one of the most significant and important inventions in human history.

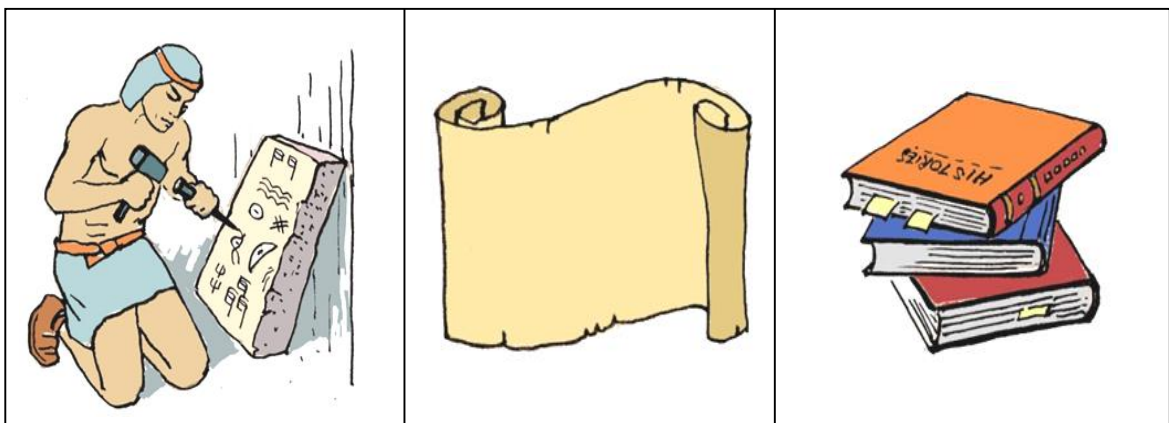
The printing press was one of the first methods used to produce vast amounts of information, and it was because of this invention that people could begin communicating with a large number of people.

Prior to the introduction of the printing press, writing was done by hand. People known as scribes had the task of copying information using ink and a quill. This was an extremely time consuming task, and a lot of important information was either lost or missed in this difficult process.

The printing press allowed books to be published quickly and accurately so new ideas could be communicated around the world.

The inventor of the printing press was Johann Gutenberg who lived in Mainz, Germany. He began carving wooden blocks that could be used as a mould to print words and images. To make this process easier, Gutenberg made a wooden block for each individual letter. These specialised blocks were called 'type'. These separate letters were arranged into words and placed in a 'frame' which was then dipped in ink and printed onto paper.

Using this technique meant that the 'types' could be continually used to create different words and sentences. Guttenberg first used this procedure in 1455 when he published the 'Bible'.



Read *The Invention of the Printing Press* on page 104 of the reading booklet and answer questions 30 to 35.

34. In what year was the printing press first used?

1455

1445

1544

1555

35. Prior to the printing press, writing was completed by

slaves.

monks.

scribes.

wooden block letters.

36. A benefit of the printing press was

you only needed one machine.

you didn't have to rely on others.

you could print quickly and effectively.

you could print on anything, not just paper.

37. Another term for the word *vast* is

small.

some.

frequent.

abundant.

38. The proper name given to each individual block letter was

type

page

letters

wooden blocks

39. Through the use of the printing press, ideas were able to be communicated across the world because:

people could read all the different letters.

people all around the world brought a printing press.

you could make multiple copies of the same text to keep.

the printing press published books quickly and sent them worldwide.