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English Worksheet 8ºB   *N• 6*

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Unit 1: Information and Communication Technologies
Tema u Objetivo: Comprender información general y especifica en textos escritos simples relacionados con la tecnología.

Read the text (Lee el texto)

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In 2011, on the popular American TV quiz show, *Jeopardy!* two champions competed against a brand 5 new opponent. Both Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter had won millions of dollars on *Jeopardy!* Jennings once won 7 4 games in a row, the most
 ever. Then Rutter beat him in a tournament and set a new record for the most money won on *Jeopardy!* Their new opponent, Watson, had never appeared on the game show and had only played practice games before, in which he often got answers wrong.
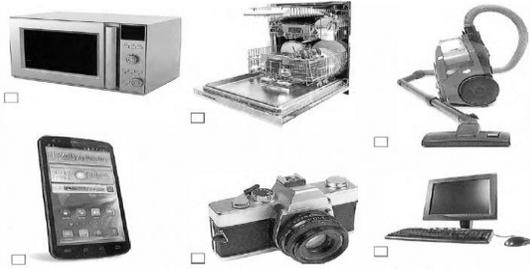 However, Watson isn't human. *He,* or rather *it,* is a machine, a wonder of technology made by researchers at IBM. In the game, Watson used math to decide on an answer. When a question was read out, Watson was immediately given the same question in electronic form. It analyzed the question and searched its memory bank-about the same as one million books of information-for possible answers. It then narrowed the options down to one answer. If Watson felt around 75 percent confident about the answer, it would answer the question.
The way Watson thinks is very different from the way humans think. People often make decisions by listening to their emotions and feelings, even if they are unsure of the answer. As a computer, Watson couldn't do this. People also watch and listen to those around them. Watson was not able to "listen" to the wrong answers given by his competitors. In one question, Jennings answered the question incorrectly and Watson later answered with the same wrong answer.
Watson also made silly mistakes. In a question in the category *U.S. Cities,* Watson incorrectly answered *Toronto,* even though the city of Toronto is in Canada. An IBM researcher said Watson got confused because it saw in its memory bank that the U.S. is often called *America.* Toronto is considered a North American city, so that was the answer that Watson gave.
Still, Watson defeated his human opponents somewhat easily and received the $1 million prize. The other players also won money for participating in the special game. 3.5 Everyone left the game happy, as each player was earning money for a different charity.

I- **Match the letters of the following inventions to the correct pictures above.**
Inventions (Une el nombre de los inventos con la imagen que corresponda) (6 Marks)

A   camera
B   microwave
C   desktop computer
D   smart phone
E   dishwasher
F   vacuum cleaner

II-Choose the correct answers for the following questions. (Elige la alternativa correcta de acuerdo a la lectura) (4Marks)

1 Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter played a special game against a:

 A   man   b   researcher   c   computer

2 Watson used _____ to answer the questions.

a   feelings   b paper   c   math

3 Watson made a mistake because it thought the question was about cities in _____ _

a· the U.S.   b Canada   c   America

4 The money the players won in the game went to _____ _

a charity   b *Jeopardy!*   c Watson

III-Match each word with its definition. (Une cada palabra con su definición según el texto)
(8 Marks)

1-_____beat
2-_____confused
3-_____champion
4-_____wonder
5-_____machine
6-_____confident
7-_____opponent
8-_____competitor

a   not able to understand something
b   to feel sure of something
c   a person who is trying to win a competition
d   an amazing thing
e   the person you are competing against
f   winner
g   win against another person or team
h   a car, a clock, a mixer, etc.

IV-Answer the following questions (Responde estas preguntas) (4 Marks)

1- Watson beat two very smart men. Why do you think Watson won? _____

2- Which is smarter: humans or machines? Why do you think so? _____

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