

Reading Booklet

Year 6 Reading Assessment - Non-Fiction



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The famous British red telephone box has been around now for nearly a century. It is a well-known symbol for tourists to Great Britain, similar to black London taxis or red double-decker buses.

Before the invention of the mobile phone, and even before it became common to have a telephone in the house, the public telephone box was a valuable facility for making calls to friends and family. Nowadays with most people owning mobile phones, there is far less demand for the public telephone box. Consequently, tens of thousands have been removed.

History

There have been a number of different designs for the public telephone box in Britain. Known as kiosks, the first standard version was introduced in 1921 and many slightly redesigned models have appeared since.

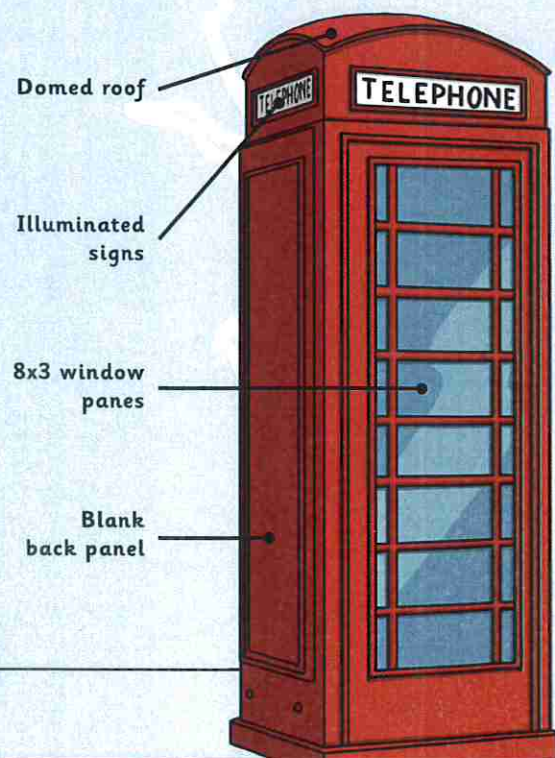
Versions K2 and K3 were designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, who also worked on famous landmarks such as Liverpool Cathedral, Waterloo Bridge and Battersea Power Station. Other models which followed directly after were also modelled on this design, though credited to the Engineering Department of the General Post Office.

The K6 design (Kiosk Number 6) is the most recognised version of the red telephone box. It has a concrete base and cast-iron sections bolted together with a domed roof. At the back is a 'blank' panel, whilst on other sides are an array of 3x8 window panes. Above each side is an illuminated 'Telephone' sign. It was first introduced in 1936 and continued production until 1968 with around 60,000 kiosks installed around the country. This made it the first version to be extensively used outside London. Although now in decline, thousands still remain in place.

The Kiosk No.6 (K6) design featured 8 x 3 window panes with a domed roof, illuminated signs at the top and a 'blank' back panel.

A Modern Redesign

Thankfully, in 2009, an 'adopt-a-kiosk' scheme was introduced where rarely used telephone boxes could be adopted for other uses. This idea has happily helped to preserve the famous phone boxes – even if some of them have begun to look a little different now! More than one has been converted into a tiny library; a London phone box has become a coffee shop; another in North Yorkshire became an art gallery whilst some have even been used to install life-saving defibrillator equipment to treat heart failures.



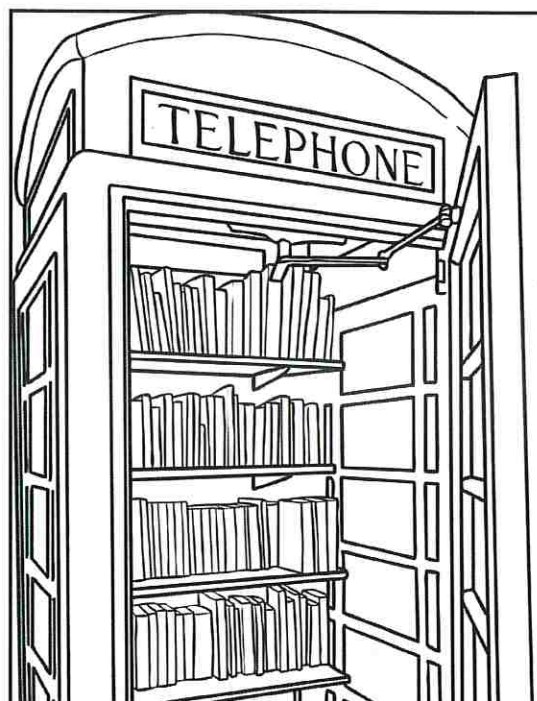
NOVEL IDEA FOR VILLAGE PHONE BOX!

A rarely used village telephone box has been given a new lease of life after being bought by local people and turned into a miniature library.

Campaigners in the rural village of Smallsden were able to purchase the iconic red telephone box for just £1, after it had stood unused for several years.

Local resident Eileen Greenhouse from the Smallsden Book Club said that they had been missing out on a library for years and this was the perfect solution.

'We have a village post office and newsagent, but we really wanted somewhere that we could borrow and exchange books. The phone box is right in the middle of the village green but it was starting to look a bit shabby and neglected. Now it has not only been spruced up, it has a genuine use for local people to enjoy again.'



Surprisingly, the telephone box is not the first in the country to be turned into a library. Others in Derbyshire and Somerset, amongst other places, have set the trend. Now, the folks of Smallsden can choose from up to 200 books housed inside the tiny space – all of them donated by residents. Although the phone box is locked at night, it is open six days a week, relying on visitors to borrow or exchange books for their own unwanted novels.

Parish Councillor Albert Johnson said the new library was not just a valuable resource but was swiftly becoming a local landmark, bringing people into the area.

'We've had visitors coming from neighbouring towns and cities just to look at our old phone box! Hopefully, the new tourists will also pop into the village pub for a drink or a bite to eat and take a souvenir from the newsagents' gift selection whilst they're here!'

The telephone box is now thought to be the smallest library in the country.

English

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Year 6 Reading Assessment

The Telephone Box Answer Booklet

First Name						
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Last Name						
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Questions 1 to 12 are about 'The Telephone Box'

1. Which **two** other tourist symbols of Great Britain is the red telephone box compared to?



2. Why is the public telephone box not as useful to people anymore?



3. Name **one** of the famous landmarks worked on by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.



4. Order the events, showing some of the major events in the history of the telephone box.
The first one has been done for you.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Production of K6 design ended | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Famous K6 design first introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Some phone boxes turned into libraries and other uses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First standard kiosk introduced | 1 |
| Adopt a Kiosk scheme introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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5. According to the section 'A Modern Redesign', which of these have become a new use for a disused telephone box? Tick **two**.

Post Office box

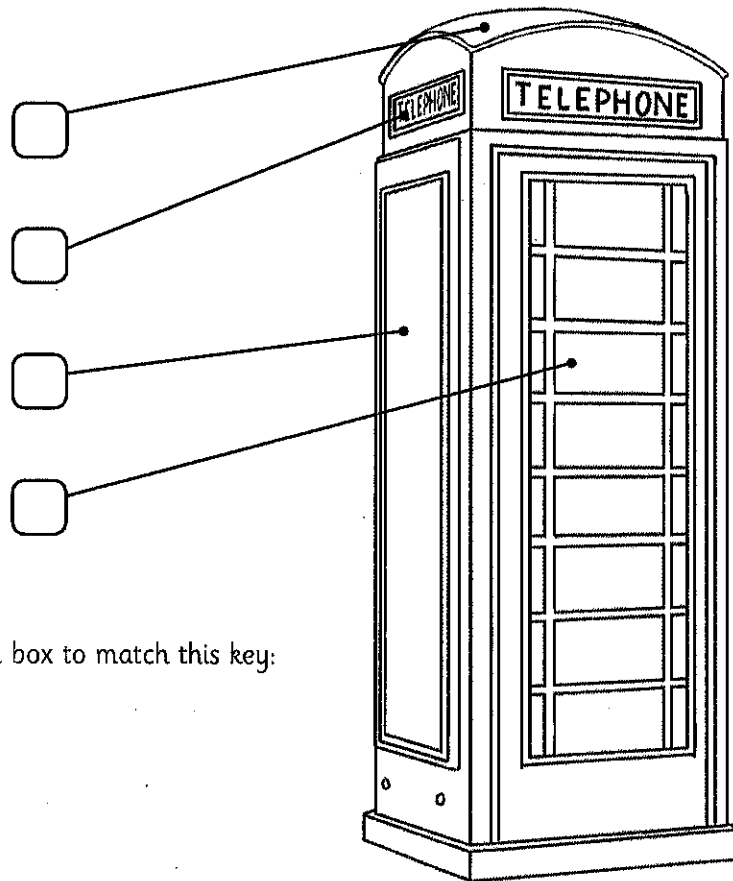
Art Gallery

Coffee Shop

Power Station

6. How does the author seem pleased and make it seem like a positive idea that the phone boxes are being given new uses?

7. Look at the diagram.



Write the correct letter in each box to match this key:

A Illuminated signs

B Domed roof

C 8x3 window panes

D Blank back panel

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Look at the newspaper article.

8. The headline is: 'Novel idea for Village Phone Box'. Write down **two** meanings of the word 'novel'.

2marks

1. _____

2. _____



9. Find and copy **two** words from the article which mean 'very small'.

1mark



10. How do you think local residents feel about the phone box being turned into a library?
Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

2marks



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11. Tick **True** or **False** in the following table about the Smallsden village telephone box that was turned into a library.

1 mark

	True	False
The telephone box cost campaigners only one pound to buy.		
The telephone box has up to two hundred books.		
The telephone box is open seven days per week.		



12. a) Where else does the Parish Councillor hope that tourists to the area will visit?

2 marks

b) Why do you think he is happy that they are coming to the area?

End of questions about 'The Telephone Box'



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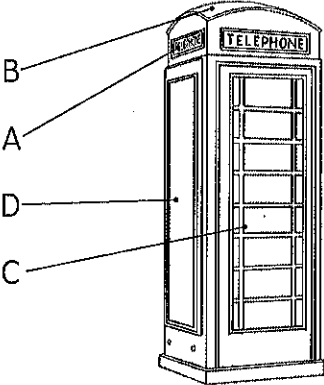
English

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Year 6 Reading Assessment Marking Scheme for Non-Fiction

question	answer	marks	notes
1.	Which two other tourist symbols of Great Britain is the red telephone box compared to?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black London taxis Red double-decker buses 	1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for both correct answers indicated.</p>
2.	Why is the public telephone box not as useful to people anymore?		
	People have mobile phones.	1	<p>Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for an answer indicating the advent or emergence of either mobile phones or home telephones.</p>
3.	Name one of the famous landmarks worked on by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liverpool Cathedral Waterloo Bridge Battersea Power Station 	1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for any one of the correct answers indicated.</p>
4.	Order the events, showing some of the major events in the history of the telephone box. The first one has been done for you.		
	Production of K6 design ended. - 3 Famous K6 design first introduced. - 2 Some phone boxes turned into libraries and other uses. - 5 First standard kiosk introduced. - 1 Adopt a Kiosk scheme introduced. - 4	1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for the correct sequence indicated.</p>
5.	According to the section 'A Modern Redesign', which of these have become a new use for a disused telephone box? Tick two .		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Shop Art Gallery 	1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for both correct options indicated.</p>
6.	How does the author seem pleased and make it seem like a positive idea that the phone boxes are being given new uses?		
	Use of positive vocabulary such as 'thankfully' and 'happily'.	1	<p>Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for the correct response indicated.</p>

7.	Write the correct letter in each box to match this key.		
		1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for all parts of the diagram correctly labelled.</p>
8.	Write down two meanings of the word 'novel'.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A novel is a type of fiction story book. • Novel can mean interesting, new, different or unusual, e.g. a novel idea. 	Up to 2	<p>Content domain: 2a - give /explain the meaning of words in context.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for each correct definition.</p>
9.	Find and copy two words from the article which mean 'very small'.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • miniature • tiny 	1	<p>Content domain: 2a - give /explain the meaning of words in context.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for both correct answers indicated.</p>
10.	How do you think local residents feel about the phone box being turned into a library? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eileen Greenhouse said it was a 'perfect solution'. • 'They had been missing out on a library for years'. • The phone box was previously starting to look 'a bit shabby and neglected' /had 'stood unused for several years'. • It has now been 'spruced up' /'has genuine use for local people to enjoy again'. 	2	<p>Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.</p> <p>Award 2 marks for answers referencing the text indicating residents are happy or pleased.</p>
11.	Tick True or False in the following table about the Smallsden village telephone box that was turned into a library.		
	<p>The telephone box cost campaigners only one pound to buy. - True</p> <p>The telephone box has up to two hundred books. - True</p> <p>The telephone box is open seven days per week. - False</p>	1	<p>Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for the correct answer indicated.</p>

12.	(a) Where else does the Parish Councillor hope that tourists to the area will visit? (b) Why do you think he is happy that they are coming to the area?		
	(a) The pub and the newsagent. (b) He hopes they will spend their money in local places.	2	Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award 2 marks for both parts of the question answered correctly.
		Total 15	