

Writing: The Numbers' Game

Instructions: Match each number or statistic on the left with the most appropriate explanation regarding writing on the right.

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| 1. ___ 30% of writers | A. from prescription errors in 2007 |
| 2. ___ \$170,000 | B. <i>Finnegans Wake</i> ; therefore, it should take reader 40 yrs to understand. |
| 3. ___ 1 ounce of example | C. show recognized dysfunctional traits. |
| 4. ___ 7000 died annually | D. amount John Milton sold his rights to <i>Paradise Lost</i> . |
| 5. ___ \$129 | E. is worth a ton of generalities. Paraphrase from Henry James |
| 6. ___ 1 ton of newsprint | F. length of Jack Kerouac's <i>On the Road</i> |
| 7. ___ 40 years to write | G. cost of a "Mont Blanc Solitaire Mountain Massif Skeleton" |
| 8. ___ 119' long MS scroll | H. requires 37.5 lbs. of sulfur to make. |
| 9. ___ £5 or c. \$10 | I. average production of a good journalist |
| 10. ___ 1000 words/hour | J. cost of a Livescribe pen, which blends written notes w/ 800 hrs. of audio |

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| 1. ___ 220 of 250 words | A. of <i>Moby Dick</i> were sold in Melville's life. |
| 2. ___ 70 hours | B. Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss) used to write <i>The Cat in the Hat</i> |
| 3. ___ \$73,690 | C. <i>Look Homeward, Angel</i> by Asheville's Thomas Wolfe |
| 4. ___ 250 words/15 min. | D. ideal portion of any novel visible to the reader |
| 5. ___ pi = 3.2 in 1897 | E. is good for 45,000 words or a line 45 miles long |
| 6. ___ 1/8 of an iceberg | F. time it takes to speak all of Shakespeare's 38 plays and 154 sonnets |
| 7. ___ 50 copies | G. rate at which Lewis Carroll corresponded for 37 years |
| 8. ___ 7.3 letters / day | H. median annual wage for writers and authors in US, 2023 |
| 9. ___ rejected 17 times | I. in Indiana, because 3.14159 was too hard for kids. |
| 10. ___ 1 #2 pencil | J. goal Anthony Trollope set for himself |