

2 Operating systems

Answer key

Reading

2.

- a) Because he created Linux by accident when he detected faults and shortcomings in Minix.
- b) It is cheaper than others/ It has outstanding capabilities / It is open-source/ It can be used in small devices and appliances.
- c) It means that users can copy the source code, change it and distribute it.
- d) His grandfather was a mathematician and he influenced Linux in his interest for science.
- e) As his proposals to improve Minix were not taken into account, he decided to create his own kernel.
- f) No he wasn't. He was the creator and programmers could change it and improve it.
- g) He received an email from her asking for a date when he was her professor at university.

3.

- a) False. Minix existed. The university student created Linux.
- b) True
- c) True
- d) False. Linus Pauling did not have anything to do with Torvalds's career.
- e) False. He accepted suggestions and improvements.

4.

- a) countless
- b) modify
- c) well-known
- d) annoyed
- e) supervisor of

5.

- a) stable
- b) cheaper
- c) original /different
- d) free
- e) shortcomings

6.

OS: Abbreviation for Operating System

C: Programming language

Kernel: The core of the OS

Unix: One of the first and most used OS

GPL: General Public License which is needed for free-source systems.

7.

Students' own answers.

Grammar

1.

- 1. Past Simple
- 2. Past Continuous
- 3. Past Perfect

2.

- a) was born
- b) was
- c) developed
- d) founded
- e) sent
- f) shared
- g) died