**History of Reading vs History of Düsseldorf (answers)**

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|  | **Reading** | **Düsseldorf** |
| Early Days | I started life in the eighth century as a small Anglo-Saxon settlement known as Readingas (meaning Reada’s people). In 870, the Vikings invaded England but King Alfred managed to beat them. | I am slightly younger than my twin and started off as a *Dorf* (meaning village in German) by the river Düssel. I was first officially mentioned in 1135 . |
| Toddler years  http://dbclipart.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Funny-baby-boy-cute-baby-images-clip-art.png | In 1121, my abbey was built which brought wealth and prosperity to the region. Unfortunately, it was largely destroyed during Henry VIII’s siege of monasteries in 1538. However, you can still see the remains at Forbury Gardens today. | August 14th, 1288 was a very special day for me. The sovereign Graf Adolf von Berg granted me the right to call myself a town. By 1380 I had become the regional capital of the Duchy of Berg. |
| C:\Users\James Rousell\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\N7462B7A\stick-kids-border[1].jpgCool Kids | I quickly became one of the largest towns in Berkshire and by 1611 I had grown rich from my trade in cloth. Local merchant John Kendrick was instrumental for my wealth. He also set up the famous Oracle, a place for poor people to work and learn new skills. | I continued to grow at a speedy rate and  one of my most important landmarks, the St Lambertus church , dates back to this period. You can still visit it today in the Altstadt (old part of the town). |
| Terrific Teens | Things are really starting to happen now! During the 18th and 19th century I grew rapidly as a manufacturing centre. A major iron works was set up. Bulbs, biscuits and beer were also very successful industries. | It’s 1892 and Hello Industrial Revolution! Two new bridges over the river Rhine have allowed me to expand rapidly. Coal mines and iron ore produced in the area has helped to become the powerhouse of the steel industry in the area. |
| Adulthood | I was considered a safe place during the second world war and many evacuees were sent from London. However, the most destructive air raid happened on 10th February 1943 when just one [Luftwaffe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luftwaffe) plane machine-gunned and bombed the town centre. | The war years (1939-1945) were a sad time for me. Many of my original buildings were destroyed during bombings which targeted the important Rhine industries. I was captured in 1945 by US forces and my inhabitants showed little resistance. |
| Time! | We officially became twins in 1947 when the mayor of Reading, Phoebe Cusden visited the Berkshire regiment in Düsseldorf. She felt sorry for the German people suffering hunger and cold and invited six children to come and stay in Reading. We have been joined at the hip ever since! | |
| Happy seniors | Today I am a vibrant and bustling town with a population of around 170,000. Like my twin, I am an important commercial centre and home to many global companies. There is also a popular outdoor rock music festival here called the Reading Festival. | My population has remained at about 600,000 in recent years. I have a big fashion and art scene and I am also an important centre of industry. The Messezentrum hosts very successful annual trade fairs and attracts many international companies. |

**True or false (answers)**

1. Origins of Reading Minster date back to 400 years ago. X

*False: Origins can be traced back over 1000 years ago.*

1. King Henry VIII’s soldiers destroyed Reading Abbey in 1066. X

*False: Reading Abbey was destroyed in 1538 during Henry III’s siege of monasteries.*

1. The tradition of “cartwheeling” originated in Düsseldorf. 
2. The ‘Oracle’ was a workhouse with terrible conditions in Reading. X

*False: The original ‘Oracle, set up by John Kendrick, was a place for poor people*

*to work, earn money and learn new skills.*

1. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge (wife of Prince William) was  born at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading in 1982.
2. The ‘Königsallee’ dates back to 1802 and is a very exclusive  shopping street in Düsseldorf today.
3. Schloss Benrath is one of the newest buildings in Düsseldorf. X

*False: Schloss Benrath is one of Düsseldorf’s oldest buildings and*

*dates back to 1755.*

1. In 979 the Queen Mother murdered her own stepson 

in order to get her son, Ethelred, on the throne in Reading.

1. In 2011 Düsseldorf hosted the Eurovision Song Contest. 
2. King Henry I’s remains are buried at Reading Abbey. 
3. Düsseldorf lies on the banks of the river Main. X

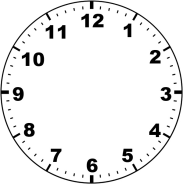
*False: Düsseldorf lies on the banks of the river Rhine*.

**Düsseldorf and Reading today – Landmarks (p.4 answers)**

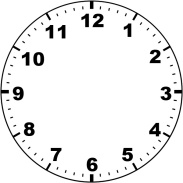
1. G) Reading Minster
2. F) Königsallee
3. D) Rheinturm
4. B) Madejski Stadium
5. E) Reading Abbey
6. C) Schloss Benrath
7. A) Esprit Arena

**Mini- Language Guide (p.5 answers)**

1. Guten Morgen! Willkommen!
2. Ich bin \_\_\_\_ (insert name).
3. Wie geht’s?
4. Auf Wiedersehen , Herr Witte.

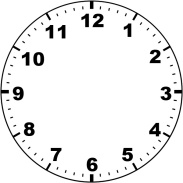
**Football: Reading F.C and Fortuna Düsseldorf (p.6 answers)**

**1.** 1.45pm/13:45 **5.** 14 minutes



**2.** 2pm/14:00 **6.** 1.43pm/13:43

**3.** 2.48pm /14:48  **7.** 2.05 pm/14:5

**4.** 1.15 pm/13.15  **8.** 28 minutes

**Fabulous Food (p.9 answers)**

D R E X R F Y B K A B Z T F X

V W E O S M I T Z L K K N I W

V A C I B A F L U N B E R S V

G S A G B W U T E J S B F C T

P A R W N T W E M S X B I B O

R U W L G U L F R T R A H U M

D E Y I R J J A V B I M S W K

W R R S K P Z I M I R D U B Z

G K T J O C A V E R P A S C L

W R H J Y R F U I V D E T Q M

K A R T O F F E L P U F F E R

O U Z G W W X O F O Z W R B N

Y T U L H O K T O R Y K N L W

G L J E K H J T D V T A H M S

Q E D F E X D R L C P L X O V

**Useful websites:**

Reading Düsseldorf Association<http://www.reading-dusseldorf.org.uk/>

Reading Museum

<http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk>

Reading Minster

<https://www.readingminster.org.uk/>

Royal Berkshire History for kids

<http://www.berkshirehistory.com/kids/>

Schloss Benrath

<http://www.schloss-benrath.de/welcome/?L=1>

Stadt Düsseldorf <https://www.duesseldorf.de/international.html>

The mystery word is ‘Sushi’. There are many Sushi restaurants in Düsseldorf due to its high Japanese population.