

Listed below are the Mission Assessments from Lessons 20 - 33. You can print this out and use them as practice.

Lesson 20 Mission Assessment

Computers are very important in our lives today. It is essential that we all become familiar with this great tool. If you want to become an expert on computers, you must learn about their operation. Fast and accurate keying skills will enable you to get the full enjoyment from this machine.

An efficient computer user must become skilled in the use of the computer's disk operating system (DOS). The DOS system is loaded into the computer's memory and allows the system to run a number of programs and operations. Without the DOS system, the computer would not operate properly.

Lesson 21 Mission Assessment

Batteries are used to run many things such as calculators and radios, but batteries wear out. Solar cells act like batteries, but they do not run down and have to be replaced.

Solar cells turn light into electricity. The light can come from the sun or from electric lights. Many calculators run on solar cells. Even some cars do. What other uses can you think of for solar cells?

Don't you think that it would be very exciting to be an astronaut. Imagine the excitement of training for an important mission and of the thrill of your first flight into space. I can't think of a more fascinating career.

Lesson 22 Mission Assessment

Now that you have learned to use the letter keys, you will begin to learn the number keys. As you continue, your speed will increase slowly until you have reached your desired goal. You should be pleased with your progress and able to use your keyboarding skill with other school subjects.

Lesson 23 Mission Assessment

Data can be entered into a computer system in a variety of ways. You can input data from a soft or hard disk. You can type in alpha and numeric data on the keyboard. Light pens can be used to touch or draw on the screen.

Graphics can be entered using a graphics tablet or special software. In the future, computers will have voice input that will allow the user to enter data more efficiently.

Lesson 24 Mission Assessment

Volcanos cause many problems on Earth. They release ash and gases into the air. When it rains, the ash that is covering the ground turns into mud. The mud slide flows rapidly and destroys many buildings.

After a volcano explodes, the people must attempt to resume their normal lives. Many times this is not possible because they may have lost all their personal property.

Lesson 25 Mission Assessment

There are many word-processing programs on the market. Each brand has different features. Some are easier to learn than others.

The ability to store basic paragraphs and form letters is a great business convenience. The added features of format changes, typeface changes, and spelling checks are very attractive to users.

Lesson 26 Mission Assessment

Saturn is the second largest planet in our solar system. Its volume is more than 700 times greater than Earth's. Saturn is made mostly of gases. It is very cold on Saturn. The planet rotates once every 17 hours. Saturn is well known for its rings. The rings are made of chunks of rock and ice.

Lesson 27 Mission Assessment

Have you ever been up in a hot air balloon? Hot air balloons are fun. When lifted in one, all your worries disappear. As you gently float across the sky, the only thing you hear is the sound of the burner.

Everything looks like small dollhouses perfectly placed below. As you pass over, all the people on the ground yell to you hoping that you will land in their yard.

Lesson 28 Mission Assessment

How are we doing with all the new orders? We must fill them quickly. The only way we can keep ahead is to fill our orders faster than other companies. If there is a problem, we must all pitch in and work overtime.

When we ship the items, please ensure that everything is correct. Correct addresses are very important.

Lesson 29 Mission Assessment

Do you like animals? Do you ever wonder why they do funny things? Animal behaviorists are people who study the way animals behave. They can help other people understand why animals act as they do.

By understanding animal behavior, people can help protect wildlife. They will know how animals live and learn how to preserve the environment to save animal habitat.

Lesson 30 Mission Assessment

Solar power plants make electricity by using energy from the sun. Large panels of mirrors serve as collectors to capture the sun's energy. The collectors reflect the sunlight onto pipes with oil in them. The sunlight heats the oil. The heat in the oil is used to change water into steam. The steam runs machines called generators, and the generators make electricity. The electricity can then reach thousands of homes. Is there a solar power plant near your home?

Lesson 31 Mission Assessment

Since 1945, Japan has grown into an economic leader. Foreign trade played a major role in Japan' s economic recovery. Foreign trade is important to Japan because of its small size and large population.

Japan is equal to California in size and imports most of its needed raw materials. Look for Japan to be a major economic power for many years.

Lesson 32 Mission Assessment

There are many word-processing software packages on the market. All users should field test them before buying. Find out how long it will take to learn to use the package. Good keying skills will help.

A portable computer can be a big help when people must travel. Some laptops can now fit into a briefcase. Although they are small, they are quite powerful. You can now prepare reports while traveling.

Lesson 33 Mission Assessment

You are making excellent progress in your keyboarding program. Now you can key by touch any word or number that you desire. Did you ever think that you would have this much skill?

When you go to the next unit, you will learn to use the word processor. You will be able to key your own papers and make corrections to them using this software. This will save you a lot of time in writing for your other classes.