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Smart shoes - True or False

A clever invention by a British student may be the answer to parents' concerns about their increasingly obese children. The invention is a shoe, nicknamed "Square-Eyes", that contains a tiny computer chip to record how many steps the wearer has taken in a day. A wireless transmitter passes the information to a receiver connected to the television, and this decides how much viewing time the wearer deserves. The recommended average of 12,000 steps a day equates to a maximum of two hours of viewing time. Once the allocated time in front of the box has expired, the TV automatically switches off and the child must go out to play if he wants to earn more time.

The expression "square-eyes" has long been a term associated with sedentary children who are exposed to too much television. This new device reverses this association by promoting active lifestyles for kids. The designer of the device, Gillian Swan, hopes her invention will mean healthier children who include exercise in their daily routines from an early age. She said: "Today's children are exposed to a huge offer of television programmes and children's channels. Ten years ago, children were entertained by playing games with their friends, but now they're in their bedrooms watching hours of television programmes."

According to Swan, "While children may find that two hours of TV is not especially generous, it will hopefully raise awareness among family members of their sedentary lifestyle and bring about a change in behaviour." Some researchers believe the invention is at the vanguard of computer-integrated clothing which will allow clothes to monitor our health.

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (?)

 The term "square-eyes" refers only to a new invention

 Some experts think that the smart shoes are the first of a new type of products that will help us control our physical condition

Explicación: Para la primera afirmación el párrafo relevante es:

"The expression "square-eyes" has long been a term associated with sedentary children who are exposed to too much television"

La afirmación es falsa ya que según el texto la expresión "square-eyes" se lleva utilizando durante mucho tiempo para referirse a niños sedentarios que ven demasiada televisión. Por lo tanto, el término "square-eyes" se refiere tanto a este tipo de niños como al nuevo aparato inventado para combatir este hábito.

Mientras que para la segunda es:

"Some researchers believe the invention is at the vanguard of computer-integrated clothing which will allow clothes to monitor our health"

La afirmación es verdadera ya que el texto menciona que algunos investigadores creen que este nuevo invento ("the smart shoes") se sitúa a la vanguardia de la creación de ropa integrada con ordenador que nos permita monitorizar nuestra salud, y por lo tanto nuestra condición física (*our physical condition*).