Mickey Mouse

Mickey Mouse is a cartoon character who has become an icon for the Walt Disney Company. Mickey Mouse is short for Mitchell Mouse. Mickey was created in 1928 by Walt Disney and voiced by Walt Disney.

The first appearance of Mickey Mouse was in Plane Crazy on May 15, 1928. But the Walt Disney Company celebrates Mickey Mouse birth as November 18, 1928 upon the release of Steamboat Willie, because it is the first Mickey Mouse Cartoon with sound. The anthropomorphic mouse has developed along the years. He first appeared in color in 1935. The first Technicolor Disney film was Flowers and Trees from 1932. He also evolved from being simply a character in animated cartoons and comic strips to become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Mickey's popularity has grown around the world. This was due to his angelic nature. Mickey never does anything immoral. However, in 2009 the Walt Disney Company announced that they will begin to re-brand the Mickey Mouse character by moving away from his pleasant, cheerful image and reintroducing the more devious side of his personality, starting with the upcoming Epic Mickey, a Mickey Mouse video game. The Walt Disney company thus intends to show the mischievous side of Mickey's personality.

Answer these questions in your notebook

1. Mickey Mouse's birthday is celebrated on
   a) May15, 1928  
   b) November18, 1928
2. The first Mickey Mouse with sound first appeared in
   a) Steamboat Willie  
   b) Plane Crazy
3. Mickey Mouse first appeared in color in
   a) 1932  
   b) 1935
4. Mickey Mouse has always been popular thanks to
   a) his good nature  
   b) mischievous side of his character
5. In 2009 the Walt Disney Company announced that
   a) They would make a video game  
   b) they would re-brand Mickey Mouse

Match the meanings

1. anthropomorphic  
   a) […の]略で
   b) 遠回りの
2. angelic
   c) 天使の(ような)
3. short for
   d) いたずら好きな
4. devious
   e) 義擬人化の
5. mischievous