

Reading Comprehension

Read the text and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is not enough information to answer true or false, choose Doesn't say (C).

The Ancient Phoenicians

The ancient Phoenicians were a great civilization that inhabited the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The Phoenician civilisation lasted over 1,000 years. It began about 1550 BC and ended about 300 BC.

The Phoenicians were the best shipbuilders and sailors of the ancient world. For more than 400 years, they ruled the seas! They were the first people to learn how to sail using the stars at night.

The Phoenicians were brilliant traders too. They sailed their ships around the Mediterranean and sold things like wood and glass. One special item that they traded made them very rich. It was a purple-coloured dye. Purple was the colour of royalty in ancient times. No one in the ancient world knew how to make purple clothes except the Phoenicians.

Historians think the Phoenicians were the first civilisation in the world to use an alphabet. They also think that all the alphabets in the world today come from the Phoenician alphabet. The Phoenicians invented an alphabet and a writing system around 1,400 BC because they wanted to communicate with their trading partners. It consisted of 22 letters based on sound.

		T	F	C
1.	The Phoenicians lived beside the sea.			
2.	No one knows why the Phoenicians civilisation ended.			
3.	Phoenician sailors used the stars to guide them in the right direction.			
4.	The Phoenicians traded glass for wood with the Greeks.			
5.	The Phoenicians became very wealthy by selling ships to royalty.			
6.	The Phoenicians developed their alphabet to record their history.			
7.	The Phoenician alphabet had letters based on what they could hear.			
8.	The Phoenicians were the only people who knew how to make purple clothes.			

Grammar in Use

A For each sentence choose the correct tense of the verb.

1. My uncle in London for 12 years. He loves living in this city.
a) lives b) is living c) has lived
2. Kate was at the party yesterday and she you there.
a) did not see b) hasn't seen c) did not saw
3. Wedinner when the police knocked on the door.
a) had b) was having c) were having
4. them two weeks ago?
a) Have you visited b) Did you visited c) Did you visit
5. I as an accountant before I started working in advertising.
a) have worked b) worked c) work
6. My father is a doctor and he sometimes night shifts.
a) works b) is working c) has worked
7. People, take care of animals are called vets.
a) who b) which c) whose
8. I think people travel to Mars in the future.
a) - b) will c) are going to

B Read the text and decide which answer *a*, *b* or *c* best fits each space.

Beyoncé Knowles is 1..... American singer and actress. Originally, she sang with her band called Destiny's Child. 2..... band later broke up and Beyoncé started her solo career.

She doesn't have 3..... time to rest. She gave birth to her daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, 4..... January 7, 2012, and it is now between albums and tours. Some say that Bey and her husband Jay-Z 5..... on two new albums now. But that's not all. The paparazzi say that Bey 6..... a school in New York when they saw her in April 2012. They believe she is going to finish her education. Beyoncé says „I left school at 14.“ She often 7..... charity. In 2007 she 8..... build houses for hurricane victims. Beyoncé has starred in 9..... films. She is now preparing 10..... the upcoming 3-D action comedy „Epic“. Many fans are waiting for it.

1.	a) a	b) an	c) the
2.	a) A	b) An	c) The
3.	a) some	b) many	c) much
4.	a) on	b) in	c) at
5.	a) work	b) was working	c) have worked
6.	a) left	b) was leaving	c) has left
7.	a) supports	b) is supporting	c) is supported
8.	a) helped	b) is helped	c) was helped
9.	a) no	b) some	c) any
10.	a) on	b) to	c) for

Vocabulary in Use

A Choose the correct word.

1. The scientists monitor the plants in their natural
a) house b) habitat
c) home d) location
2. The country from heavy floods every year.
a) destroys b) damages
c) suffers d) challenges
3. The weather has been extremely hot and all the plants are dying because of the.....
a) hurricane b) drought
c) tornado c) earthquake
4. People should sort out their rubbish and throw it in the bins.
a) reuse b) recycled
c) recycle c) recycling
5. There are three red on the sofa.
a) cushions b) carpets
c) armchairs c) mirrors
6. John plays very well. He is an excellent musician.
a) piano b) on guitar
c) on the violin c) the drums

B Choose the correct word.

1. I like these trainers, but they are very **comfortable/uncomfortable**.
2. I've got some really **nice/horrible** boots. I wear them a lot.
3. At the weekend I usually wear **casual/smart** clothes.
4. I haven't got much money, so I don't wear **cheap/expensive** clothes.
5. He's only seven years old, so just buy him **a small/a large** T- shirt.
6. You need your **heavy/light** coat today, it's really cold.
7. If you are going to the gym, it's better to wear **tight/loose** clothes.
8. That suit is **awful/lovely** – you must buy it.