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## WONDERS OF THE WORLD

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### LISTENING

a) *Underline the vowel letters of the stressed syllables in the following words, which occur in the recording. Check if you are correct after listening.*

Egyptian	lawmakers	commanders	governors
collectors	pyramids	enormous	tremendous
elephants	afterlife	hieroglyphs	papyrus

b) *Listen to a person talking about ancient Egypt and choose the item (A, B, C, D) that best answers each of the questions.*

1. What did Egyptians do when they could not pay taxes to pharaohs?
  - A. They ran away.
  - B. They had to work on pharaohs' building projects.
  - C. They went to a foreign country.
  - D. They robbed a great tomb.
2. Why did Egyptians have their bodies made into mummies?
  - A. Because they thought they were still alive.
  - B. Because they didn't want their bodies to be destroyed.
  - C. Because they wanted to be admired by Egyptians.
  - D. Because they believed that their bodies must survive for life after death.

3. Why were treasures buried in pyramids?
  - A. Because Egyptians believed treasures could be used in the afterlife.
  - B. Because they wanted to show that they were really rich.
  - C. Because they wanted to leave their treasures for future generations.
  - D. Because they didn't want their treasures to be stolen.
4. Which of these is NOT mentioned in the listening?
  - A. Pharaohs were powerful Egyptian rulers.
  - B. Archeologists have just discovered three mummies in one pyramid.
  - C. A pyramid was an enormous stone tomb.
  - D. Most pyramids or great tombs were robbed long ago.
5. What is the best title of the listening passage?
  - A. Mummies
  - B. Powerful Pharaohs
  - C. Pharaohs and Pyramid Tombs
  - D. Pyramid Tombs and Mummies



## SPEAKING

a) *Two tourists are talking about the place they are visiting. Match their questions and answers.*

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Is this your first visit?  | _____ d _____ |
| 2. What do you think of the hotels?   | _____         |
| 3. What have you seen so far?   | _____         |
| 4. What do you like best?   | _____         |
| 5. How do you like the food?  | _____         |
| 6. What do you plan to do while you're here?                                      | _____         |
| 7. How do you find the people?  | _____         |
| 8. Is there anything you don't like?  | _____         |
| 9. Will you come back?  | _____         |
| 10. Have you been to the museum?  | _____         |
| 11. How do you like the weather?  | _____         |
| a. Yes, it's a fascinating place.   |               |
| b. I'd like to walk around the town, do some shopping, and see the old buildings. |               |

- c. I think they're comfortable and cheap.
- d. Yes, it's my first time.
- e. Not much yet. I've just walked round the center.
- f. Yes, I'd love to. I'd like to come with my family, next summer vacation.
- g. They're really nice and very friendly.
- h. I don't know really. I think I prefer the pagoda.
- i. No, it's my first visit.
- j. I really enjoy the seafood. It's very tasty.
- k. The traffic is terrible.
- l. It's a bit cold, but nice.

b) *Read what a tour guide talks about Hoi An, one of the UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. With a partner, make questions and answers about the place. The first one has been done for you.*

Hoi An is about a half-hour drive from Da Nang, and it's the sort of spot that makes traveling worthwhile. The town is rather small and there are a lot of beautiful old houses. The weather is nice but it often rains from September to December. The people are really nice and friendly.



This is one of the cheapest holiday spots. Just about everything is inexpensive here from accommodation to food, activities... and clothing! The hotels are rather small but comfortable and cheap. It's difficult to find a bad restaurant in Hoi An. You'll find the most delicious food in Viet Nam here. You'll find plenty of souvenir shops – full of silk products and paintings. Inexpensive tailor-made clothing is one of Hoi An's specialties. There are numerous tailor shops where you can have any piece of clothing you can imagine made up. Outfits usually only take about 24 hours to be made and prices for them are negotiable.

The town itself is a fascinating place... the hustle and bustle, sights, sounds, and smells attack your senses from every angle. If you want to slow things down a bit, hire a small boat called a sampan and cruise down the Thu Bon River for an hour. It'll only set you back a couple of dollars and that's what most activities cost around here...

1. The town

Question: *What's the town like?*

Answer: *It's rather small and there are a lot of beautiful old houses.*

2. The weather

Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The people

Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The hotels

Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The food

Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The souvenir shops

Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Describe a sightseeing spot to a partner.



## READING

### Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

*In the ancient world there were seven great man-made structures for travelers to see on a world tour.*

The Pyramids of Egypt

The Temple of Artemis

The Colossus of Rhodes

The Statue of Zeus

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus

The Pharos of Alexandria



Look at the pictures and the captions. Fill in each blank with a name from the list.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

It was a 30-m bronze statue of the Greek sun god Helios, erected about 280 B.C. to guard the entrance to the harbor at Rhodes. It was destroyed about 55 years later.



2. \_\_\_\_\_.

It was built (about 280 B.C.) on an island in the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, and was a famous ancient lighthouse standing more than 134 m tall. It was destroyed in the 14th century.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

It was sculpted (mid-5th century B.C.) by Phidias and placed in the Temple of Zeus at Olympia, Greece. Standing almost 12 m tall, the statue survived until the 5th century.





4. \_\_\_\_\_.

It derived its name from King Mausolus of Caria in Asia Minor. After his death in the middle of the 4th century B.C., his queen, Artemisia, employed Greek architects to construct a superb monument over his remains. Some relics of the original Mausoleum are preserved in the British Museum.

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

The most important and famous ones are at Giza, on the west bank of the Nile River. They were built between 2660 B.C. and 2560 B.C. for the kings Cheops, Chephren (Khafre), and Mycerinus. They were meant to house the pharaohs' bodies and serve as reminders of their almighty power. They are the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the World and the only ones to survive to modern times.



6. \_\_\_\_\_.

Located in Iraq, about 89 km south of Baghdad, they were built by King Nebuchadnezzar in the 6th century B.C. to please and console his favorite wife, Amytis. Great terraces of stone were built one on top of the other. On these were planted gardens of tropical flowers and trees and avenues of palms. Nebuchadnezzar and his queen could sit in the shade and look down upon the beauties of the city.



7. \_\_\_\_\_.

It was built, rebuilt, and enlarged from time to time. It was built (about 430 B.C.) by contributions from all the great cities of Asia and it took 120 years to complete. This great temple was set on fire in 356 B.C. on the night Alexander the Great was born. Herostratus committed the crime merely that his name might be remembered forever. It was destroyed by the Goths in 262 A.D.



## WRITING

### Writing a Biography

*A biography is simply the story of a life. Very short biographies tell the basic facts of someone's life and importance. Many biographies are written in chronological order.*

- a) *The sentences in each paragraph of the following biography are mixed up. Indicate the correct order by giving each sentence a number from 1 to 16.*

### Walt Disney's Biography

#### Paragraph 1

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ His family was poor and Walt had a difficult childhood.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ He became interested in drawing when he was about seven, but his father thought it was a waste of time.
- c. 1 Walt Disney was born on December 5, 1901, and lived on his parents' farm in Missouri.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ He had to do many different jobs to earn extra money – delivering papers, picking apples, and helping on the farm.

## Paragraph 2

- e. \_\_\_\_\_ His ambulance was covered with Disney cartoons.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Then the United States entered World War I in 1917.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ When Walt was 12, the Disney family moved to Chicago, where he started going to art classes to draw cartoons.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ Walt was only 16, but he forged his parents' signatures and went to France to become an ambulance driver for the Red Cross.

## Paragraph 3

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ After making a success of his "Alice Comedies," Walt became a recognized Hollywood figure.
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ He produced a series of short movies called *Alice in Cartoonland* and was paid \$1,500 for each movie.
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ After the war, Walt worked as a commercial artist.
- l. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1925, Walt met and married one of his employees, Lillian Bounds, and the marriage lasted until his death 41 years later.

## Paragraph 4

- m. 16 He died in 1966 but children around the world never forget his characters, especially Mickey Mouse.
- n. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1937, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the first full-length animated musical feature, was shown at the Carthay Theater in Los Angeles.
- o. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1955 he opened the first Disneyland Park in Anaheim, California.
- p. \_\_\_\_\_ During the next five years, Walt Disney Studios completed other full-length animated classics such as *Pinocchio*, *Fantasia*, *Dumbo*, and *Bambi*, and he won 32 Academy Awards for his animated movies.



## b) Writing Task

Write a life story. It can be about yourself, someone you know well, or a famous person.

1. Before you write, make some notes including important dates and events.
2. Divide the notes up into paragraphs, so that the different life stages are clear.
3. As you write, try to use a variety of the following to make the sequence of the story clear.
  - Link words such as *first of all, then, next, finally*
  - Time expressions such as *one year earlier, a few months later, the following year, three months previously*
  - Conjunctions of time such as *before, after, when, while, until*



## USE OF LANGUAGE

### 1. The Passive Construction

It is said that ...

He is said ...

Read the following passage and rewrite the underlined sentences using the passive construction.

Angkor was the capital city of Cambodia from the 9th to the 15th centuries. Many people say that its ruins are one of the world's great architectural monuments. Located in northwestern Cambodia, Angkor was founded and became the country's capital in the early 9th century. Many people believe that the greatest of the Angkor temple complexes is Angkor Wat. It was constructed under King Suryavarman II (reigned 1113-1150) to worship the Hindu god Vishnu.



People acknowledge that Angkor was one of the largest cities in the world in the 13th century. Then it began to decline. Threatened by attacks from the neighboring Thais, the Cambodians left Angkor about 1430, moving their capital south. Eventually the city was covered by the jungle. Historians say that the French archeologists began to excavate it in the early 1860s. In 1995 an international committee was formed to continue research and conservation at the site.

1. Many people say that its ruins are one of the world's great architectural monuments.

It is said that \_\_\_\_\_

Its ruins are said \_\_\_\_\_

2. Many people believe that the greatest of the Angkor temple complexes is Angkor Wat.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. People acknowledge that Angkor was one of the largest cities in the world in the 13th century.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Historians say that the French archeologists began to excavate it in the early 1860s.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Word Formation

*Read the passage about the tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamen. Use the correct form of the given word to fill in the blank. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

One of the most (0) exciting (excite) archeological (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) in history was made in November 1922, when Howard Carter

was working in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. After many months of work, he finally came across an (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (*know*) tomb.

Together with his friend Lord Carnarvon, who was providing the money for the excavations, he entered the dark chamber. At first, there was (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (*disappoint*), because the tomb was empty, and it was clear that it had been robbed at some time in the past. However, one of the workers (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (*event*) uncovered a small stairway that led down to another door that had not been opened.



Carter went down the dark staircase, walking (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (*care*) in case there were any traps. As he opened the door, Lord Carnarvon asked if he could see anything. He replied “Yes – (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (*wonder*) things.” It was clear at once that they had discovered what they had been looking for. The tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamen was full of treasures of great value. There were over 5,000 objects of silver, gold, and precious stones which had lain there (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (*discover*) for thousands of years.

Lord Carnarvon's (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (*please*) at discovering the treasures did not last long. Many of the local people were afraid of disturbing the pharaohs' tombs, and believed that the pharaohs would take revenge on anyone who entered them. Lord Carnarvon had paid little attention to these (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (*warn*), but only a few weeks later, he suddenly fell ill and died; at the exact time of his (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (*die*), all the lights in Cairo suddenly went out, and far away in England, his dog also died.

### 3. Compound Adjectives

*Compound adjectives are modifying phrases made up of two or more words that can be joined by a hyphen, appear as a single word, or appear as two separate words.*

a) There are three common patterns for compound adjectives in English. Which patterns in the boxes do these compound adjectives follow? Write them in the appropriate list.

cool-headed	kindhearted	good-looking	widely recognized
highly respected	old-fashioned	well-educated	widely respected
gray-haired	forward-looking	warm-hearted	smooth-talking
fast-thinking	open-minded	long-suffering	
little known	strong-willed	well-regarded	

Adjective + noun + ed	Adverb + past participle	Adjective/ adverb + present participle
absent-minded	well-dressed	easy-going
cold-hearted	well-known	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b) Combine the words from the boxes to create compound adjectives. There are twelve of them.

absent	dressed
cold	educated
cool	headed
fast	hearted
forward	known
kind	looking
open	minded
warm	regarded
well	thinking



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|------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1. absent-minded | 5. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 2. _____         | 6. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____         | 7. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____         | 8. _____ | 12. _____ |

c) Write a compound adjective in the blank after each sentence.

It is a compound adjective used to describe a person ...

1. who is likely to forget things or to think about something different from what he should be thinking about. absent-minded
2. who is willing to consider new ideas. \_\_\_\_\_
3. who always stays calm in difficult situations. \_\_\_\_\_
4. who has no sympathy for other people. \_\_\_\_\_
5. who is kind and generous. \_\_\_\_\_
6. who is kind, friendly, and sympathetic. \_\_\_\_\_
7. who is wearing good and fashionable clothes. \_\_\_\_\_
8. who has received a good education and has a lot of knowledge. \_\_\_\_\_
9. who is known by many people or by the people involved in a particular situation. \_\_\_\_\_
10. who is respected and admired. \_\_\_\_\_
11. who is able to consider things and decides fast. \_\_\_\_\_
12. who looks at the future in a positive way and happy to try new ideas and methods. \_\_\_\_\_

### Fun Corner: Word Search

#### Eye Check and Word Search for Famous Man-made Places

Can you read all these letters? Do you need glasses? Find the words hidden in the chart.

There are eleven names of famous man-made places in the world, which belong to the following countries. Find and write them down.

- Australia (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Cambodia (1) \_\_\_\_\_

China (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 France (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 India (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Russia (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 The United States (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Viet Nam (3) \_\_\_\_\_

S	H	S	G	A	M	L	A	Y	L	G
Y	E	T	O	I	E	M	S	L	O	O
D	T	A	J	M	A	H	A	L	E	L
N	I	T	U	R	N	G	N	E	N	D
E	H	U	E	H	A	R	B	I	N	E
Y	E	E	T	O	N	E	F	F	A	N
O	W	O	N	E	N	A	V	F	E	G
P	Y	F	A	P	H	T	E	E	L	A
E	S	L	D	O	F	W	G	L	E	T
R	O	I	H	O	I	A	N	T	H	E
A	L	B	C	A	N	L	N	O	B	B
H	R	E	A	H	I	L	I	W	H	R
O	K	R	E	M	L	I	N	E	F	I
U	N	T	U	R	A	L	L	R	E	D
S	M	Y	S	O	N	O	A	L	O	G
E	A	N	G	K	O	R	W	A	T	E