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READING COMPREHENSION

Instructions: Read the story. Then, answer the questions below by circling the correct answer.

Reading the Evidence

Archaeologists study evidence from the past to learn how people lived. During a field project near a river, a team maps the ground before removing any soil. They uncover fragments of pottery, charcoal, and a stone tool beneath several layers. Each object is labeled and photographed so its location can be analyzed later. The researchers compare their findings with records from nearby sites to develop a careful explanation. Their method shows that patience and precise documentation can reveal information that written history may not include.



1. What do archaeologists study?

a. Evidence from the past b. Weather patterns on distant planets c. Modern traffic signals

2. What does the team do before removing soil?

a. Maps the ground b. Builds a bridge c. Plants a forest

3. Why is each object labeled and photographed?

a. So its location can be analyzed later b. So it can be sold immediately c. So the team can change its age

4. What do the researchers compare with nearby records?

a. Their findings b. The river's water level c. The team's lunch schedule

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

a. Careful archaeological methods help researchers understand the past.

b. Written history always explains everything.

c. Archaeologists remove soil without recording evidence.