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Helen Keller was _____⁽¹⁾ on 27 June 1880, in Alabama, USA. When Helen was 19 months old, she became very _____⁽²⁾ which caused her to lose her sight and hearing. Because she couldn't hear, she couldn't learn how to speak.

A teacher from Boston came to help Helen when she was seven. Her _____⁽³⁾ was Anne Sullivan. She taught Helen sign language _____⁽⁴⁾ touching her hands as well as how to read and write in Braille. Helen learnt to speak by feeling her teacher's throat and _____⁽⁵⁾ movements.

When Helen was twenty, she went to college to _____⁽⁶⁾ to be a teacher. She graduated with honours in _____⁽⁷⁾.

Helen Keller helped the blind and _____⁽⁸⁾ people by raising money and working with them. Helen was given many awards for her _____⁽⁹⁾ work.

Helen Keller _____⁽¹⁰⁾ on 1 June 1968.

name	learn	lip	1904	deaf
hard	by	born	died	ill

1.1 Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing when she was six years old.

True

False

1.2 Who helped Helen Keller to read and write?

1.3 How old was Helen Keller when she died?

42 years

63 years

88 years

1.4 What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

activities

Explain what happened to Helen Keller at each date on the timeline given below.

→ 1968	_____
→ 1900	_____
→ 1882	_____
→ 1880	_____



Thousands of years ago in the Ice Age, _____⁽¹⁾ of hunters lived in caves. These caves were often on the sunny _____⁽²⁾ of a valley. A fire would be lit at the entrance for warmth or to keep wild _____⁽³⁾ away. We think they learnt to make fire by rubbing _____⁽⁴⁾ together or making sparks with stones. Before this, they probably used _____⁽⁵⁾ accidentally

caused by lightning to start their own.

These prehistoric people didn't know how to grow _____⁽⁶⁾ for food, so they ate wild plants and berries. They also hunted wild animals like bears, reindeers and mammoths for _____⁽⁷⁾ and skins. They made simple tools and axe heads for _____⁽⁸⁾ from flint. This was a kind of stone which split into sharp _____⁽⁹⁾ when struck with another rock or a hammer made from deer antlers.

Drawings, whole skeletons and artefacts found in _____⁽¹⁰⁾ tell us a lot about these ancient hunters.



animals

caves

fires

pieces

tribes

side

crops

meat

sticks

weapons

1.1 What is the main idea of paragraph 2 (what the whole paragraph is about)? Tick the box.

a) The daily lives of the cave dwellers.

b) How to make a hammer from deer antlers.

c) The different kinds of wild berries.

1.2 What kind of stone was used to make tools?

1.3 Where did these hunters build their fires?

1.4 What is the name given to a very cold time in the history of the earth?

1.5 Tick the sentence of which the author would agree.

a) The cave dwellers used lightning when they wanted a fire.

b) The cave dwellers grew wheat and corn.

c) The cave dwellers chose caves in warm positions.

1.6 What do you think they would use wild animal fur skins for?



1.7 Objects made thousands of years ago are called artefacts.

True

False

1.8 How do we think cave dwellers made sparks to start fires?

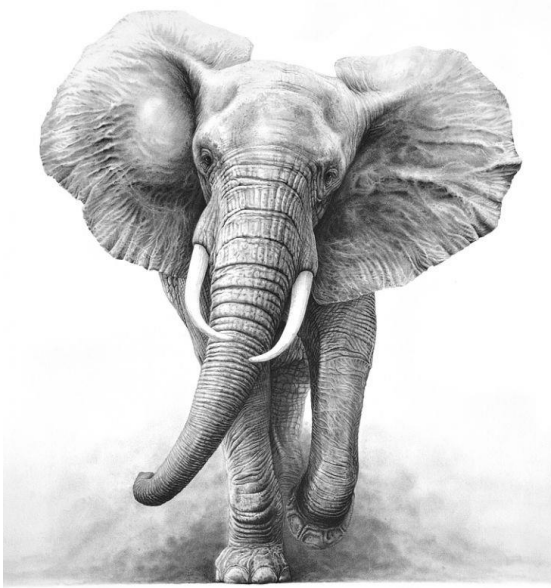
1.9 Why didn't these people eat bread made from wheat?



activities

Circle the correct noun to complete these sentences.

1. Cave dwellers used fire to harden the tips of hunting (**trees, skins, spears**).
2. Cave (**tools, drawings, furs**) are the world's oldest pictures.
3. These hunters often dug graves for their dead in (**hospital, cave, river**).
4. Paints for cave paintings were made from substances in the (**kitchen, garage, soil**).
5. These people buried tools with the dead to be used in the next (**cave, valley, life**).



We have learned to _____
⁽¹⁾ our world with all the other creatures in
 it. Caring people from over hundred
 nations _____ ⁽²⁾ in Florida in
 1994. They hoped to prevent profits being
 made from selling parts of wild animals like
 the elephants.

Trading in elephant parts to make money has been _____ ⁽³⁾
 since 1989. This is because poaching has _____ ⁽⁴⁾ elephant numbers.
 Tourists have been horrified to see shops in Africa and elsewhere
 _____ ⁽⁵⁾ litter bins made from elephant's feet. These have been
 _____ ⁽⁶⁾ off and then hollowed out. The tusks have also been used for
 ivory products like rings, brooches, letter openers, etc. Many countries have now
 banned ivory imports and this has _____ ⁽⁷⁾ down the wicked trade.

Elephant numbers in South Africa are _____ ⁽⁸⁾ because of its
 excellent conservation programme. The Government _____ ⁽⁹⁾ its herd
 of about 9,000 by killing 350 each year, usually the old or sick ones. This means
 the herd doesn't _____ ⁽¹⁰⁾ too much vegetation also needed by other
 wild animals. We have to make sure that children in schools today are able to see
 elephants in the wild in future.

rising

eat

banned

slowed

saw

controls

reduced

met

selling

live

1.1 Selling elephant parts has been banned for five years.

True

False

1.2 Which parts of the elephant are ivory brooches made from?

1.3 In which country are elephant numbers growing?

1.4 Tick the statement of which the author would agree.

a) Tourists should buy rings made from ivory.

b) The South African government plans to kill all its elephants.

c) We have to care for the world's animal life.

1.5 Which elephants does the African Government kill each year?

1.6 What do elephants do which affects other wild animals?

