

Discovering the Past: Archaeology Basics

Archaeology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What do archaeologists study?

- A) Modern cities
- B) The stars and planets
- C) Past human life and cultures**
- D) Current animal behaviors

2. What is a common tool archaeologists use to carefully dig up artifacts?

- A) A bulldozer
- B) A paintbrush and a small trowel**
- C) A vacuum cleaner
- D) A magnifying glass

3. What is an 'artifact' in archaeology?

- A) A type of dinosaur
- B) A natural rock formation
- C) An object made by humans in the past**
- D) A modern tool

4. Where might archaeologists find old objects from the past?

- A) In a brand new shopping mall
- B) Under the ground or in ancient ruins**
- C) On the moon
- D) Inside a modern library

5. What does 'excavate' mean for an archaeologist?

- A) To build something new
- B) To carefully dig up and uncover things**
- C) To paint a picture
- D) To read a book

6. Why is it important for archaeologists to be careful when digging?

- A) So they can find treasure quickly
- B) To avoid damaging fragile old objects**
- C) To make the dig site look tidy
- D) So they don't get dirty

7. What can we learn from ancient pottery found by archaeologists?

A) How to fly a plane

B) What people ate and how they made things

C) How to use a computer

D) The latest fashion trends

8. What is a 'site' in archaeology?

A) A modern theme park

B) A place where archaeologists are digging or have found evidence of the past

C) A large city park

D) A school playground