

Little Explorers of the Past

Archaeology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the specific tool often used by archaeologists to gently brush away dirt from delicate artifacts?

- A) A metal shovel
- B) A soft paintbrush**
- C) A garden rake
- D) A heavy hammer

2. What do we call the preserved remains or impressions of ancient plants or animals found in rock?

- A) A fossil**
- B) A shiny rock
- C) A piece of glass
- D) A plastic toy

3. Which of these items are archaeologists most likely to find buried in the ground because it lasts for a very long time?

- A) A banana peel
- B) A wooden stick
- C) A broken clay pot**
- D) A paper napkin

4. What is the name for the study of human history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts?

- A) Astronomy
- B) Biology
- C) Archaeology**
- D) Chemistry

5. Why do archaeologists use a grid system to map out a dig site?

- A) To play a game
- B) To keep their clothes clean
- C) To know exactly where each object was found**
- D) To hide the site from others

6. What is a 'midden' in archaeology?

- A) A pile of ancient trash or food scraps**
- B) A secret treasure chest
- C) A type of ancient hat
- D) A place where kings slept

7. Which material is an archaeologist most likely to find intact after thousands of years in the ground?

A) Cotton fabric

B) Stone tools

C) Flowers

D) Soft fruit

8. What is the term for a person who studies ancient human history and prehistory through excavation?

A) An architect

B) An archaeologist

C) A chef

D) An astronaut

9. What does an archaeologist do with an artifact after carefully digging it up?

A) Throw it away

B) Clean and document it

C) Use it as a toy

D) Paint it a new color

10. What are ancient drawings found on cave walls called?

A) Modern art

B) Cave paintings

C) Graffiti

D) Blueprints

11. If an archaeologist finds layers of soil, where is the oldest layer usually located?

A) At the very top

B) In the middle

C) At the very bottom

D) Inside a tree

12. Which of these would be considered an 'artifact' by an archaeologist?

A) A living bird

B) A manufactured tool made by humans

C) A wild flower

D) A rain cloud