

Little Explorers of the Past

Archaeology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What do archaeologists use to dig carefully in the dirt?

- A) Giant bulldozers
- B) Small hand shovels**
- C) Spoons
- D) Heavy cranes

2. What do we call the items left behind by people from a long time ago?

- A) Artifacts**
- B) Trash
- C) Toys
- D) Food

3. What is a person who studies the past by digging up old things called?

- A) A scientist
- B) An archaeologist**
- C) A teacher
- D) A doctor

4. Where do archaeologists often find ancient objects?

- A) In the sky
- B) Deep underground**
- C) On the moon
- D) Inside a computer

5. Which of these is an example of an artifact an archaeologist might find?

- A) A plastic water bottle
- B) A broken piece of clay pottery**
- C) A fresh banana
- D) A modern smartphone

6. Why do archaeologists wear gloves when they find something?

- A) To look fashionable
- B) To keep the artifact clean and safe**
- C) To help them dig faster
- D) To keep their hands warm

7. What is a layer of soil that has built up over many, many years called?

A) Stratum

- B) A cloud
- C) A puddle
- D) A rock

8. What do archaeologists use to brush away dirt from delicate objects?

A) A leaf blower

B) A soft paintbrush

- C) A broom
- D) A vacuum cleaner

9. What is the main goal of archaeology?

A) To build new houses

B) To learn about how people lived in the past

- C) To find buried treasure for money
- D) To play in the mud

10. If an archaeologist finds a dinosaur bone, what kind of scientist are they often working with?

A) A paleontologist

- B) A veterinarian
- C) An astronaut
- D) A dentist