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**Level 2 – 6th August, 2018**

## Scientists solve mystery of Stonehenge

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Scientists say they found details about who built the 5,000-year-old Stonehenge. The ancient stone monument in England is famous all over the world. How it was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. Scientists say the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, more than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote that human bones found at Stonehenge were from mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains found date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is a ring of giant standing stones. Each stone is four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was used as a burial mound. They are not sure how ancient people moved the giant stones from Wales to Stonehenge. They believe the people they found buried at Stonehenge helped transport and put up the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the [Welsh mountains] not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/08/03/635363118/builders-of-stonehenge-may-have-been-from-wales-more-than-100-miles-away>  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/who-built-stonehenge-ancient-druids-britons-pre-roman-a8474381.html>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/aug/02/revealed-stonehenge-buried-welsh>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The ancient stone | a. 160 kilometres away |
| 2. famous all        | b. remains             |
| 3. a mystery for     | c. over the world      |
| 4. architects        | d. to about 3000 BC    |
| 5. more than         | e. monument            |
| 6. human bones found | f. and builders        |
| 7. the oldest human  | g. thousands of years  |
| 8. date back         | h. at Stonehenge       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Stonehenge is a ring of giant | a. too                    |
| 2. Each stone is                 | b. weigh 25 tons          |
| 3. They each                     | c. circle                 |
| 4. used as a burial              | d. four metres high       |
| 5. how ancient people            | e. up the stones          |
| 6. transport and put             | f. standing stones        |
| 7. build the stone               | g. moved the giant stones |
| 8. buried there                  | h. mound                  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Stonehenge is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ standing stones. Each stone is four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was used as a burial mound. They are not sure (9) \_\_\_\_\_ moved the giant stones from Wales to Stonehenge. They believe the people they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Stonehenge helped transport and put up the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the [Welsh mountains] (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and were buried there too."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# STONEHENGE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Stonehenge in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

