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Level 0 – 3rd December, 2018

Algeria is the new 'cradle of civilization'

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists believed the first humans were from East Africa. This changed because they found 2.4-million-year-old stone tools in Algeria. Scientists now say the first humans were from Algeria. They found 250 tools and 296 animal bones. The bones show that early humans cut up meat.

Archaeologists have been digging on this project for 25 years. The site is 200 miles from Algeria's capital. The project leader said humans killed animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than we thought. The tools showed that early humans were more than scavengers. Scientists now want to find even older stone tools.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the first humans were | a. say |
| 2. they found 2.4-million-year- | b. 296 animal bones |
| 3. stone tools in | c. from East Africa |
| 4. Scientists now | d. up meat |
| 5. the first humans | e. old stone tools |
| 6. 250 tools and | f. humans |
| 7. early | g. Algeria |
| 8. cut | h. were from Algeria |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Archaeologists have | a. for meat |
| 2. on this project | b. older stone tools |
| 3. 200 miles from Algeria's | c. for 25 years |
| 4. project | d. earlier than we thought |
| 5. humans killed animals | e. capital |
| 6. 600,000 years | f. leader |
| 7. early humans were more | g. been digging |
| 8. find even | h. than scavengers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ humans were from East Africa. (2) _____ they found 2.4- (3) _____ stone tools in Algeria. Scientists now say the (4) _____ from Algeria. They found 250 tools and (5) _____. The bones show that early humans (6) _____.

Archaeologists have (7) _____ this project for 25 years. The site (8) _____ from Algeria's capital. The project (9) _____ killed animals for meat 600,000 (10) _____ we thought. The tools showed that (11) _____ more than scavengers. Scientists now want to (12) _____ stone tools.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CIVILIZATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181203-cradle-of-civilization-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about civilization 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) _____

