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Algeria is the new 'cradle of civilization'

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists believed humans started in East Africa. This changed because of 2.4-million-year-old stone tools found in Algeria. Scientists now say that Algeria is the cradle of civilization. They found 250 tools and 296 animal bones. The animal bones show that early humans cut up meat. The leader of the project said the tools changed his view that humankind originated in East Africa. He said: "Actually, the whole of Africa was the cradle of humankind."

Archaeologists have been digging on this project for 25 years. The tools and bones were found about 200 miles east of Algeria's capital. The project leader said humans were killing animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than we thought. Another archaeologist said the tools showed that our ancestors were more than scavengers. She didn't know if they hunted. The scientists now hope to find the tool-makers and even older stone tools.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/11/30/world/human-tools-north-africa-humanity-scli-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 2.4-million-year- | a. view |
| 2. Scientists now say | b. up meat |
| 3. They found | c. of Africa |
| 4. early humans cut | d. that Algeria is |
| 5. The leader of | e. in East Africa |
| 6. the tools changed his | f. 250 tools |
| 7. humankind originated | g. the project |
| 8. the whole | h. old stone tools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Archaeologists have been | a. than scavengers |
| 2. 200 miles east | b. leader |
| 3. The project | c. tools |
| 4. humans were killing animals | d. of Algeria's capital |
| 5. 600,000 years earlier | e. hunted |
| 6. our ancestors were more | f. digging |
| 7. She didn't know if they | g. than we thought |
| 8. even older stone | h. for meat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181203-cradle-of-civilization-1.html>

Scientists believed (1) _____ East Africa. This changed because of 2.4-million-year-old (2) _____ in Algeria. Scientists now say that Algeria is the cradle of civilization. They found 250 tools and (3) _____. The animal bones show that early humans cut up meat. The (4) _____ project said the tools changed (5) _____ humankind originated in East Africa. He said: "Actually, (6) _____ Africa was the cradle of humankind."

Archaeologists have been (7) _____ project for 25 years. The tools and bones (8) _____ 200 miles east of Algeria's capital. The project leader said humans were killing (9) _____ 600,000 years earlier than we thought. Another archaeologist said (10) _____ that our ancestors (11) _____ scavengers. She didn't know if they hunted. The scientists now hope to find the tool-makers (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) _____

