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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. HUMANS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about humans. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

decades / scientists / humans / stone tools / civilization / animal bones / meat / Africa sites / project / capital city / archaeologist / ancestors / scavengers / hunter / hopes

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ORIGINS: Students A **strongly** believe it is important to know where humans originated; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. EARLIEST HUMANS: How did the earliest humans live? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What did they do?	Is this better than today?
Food		
Shelter		
Hobbies		
Exercise		
Travel		
Fun		

5. HUMAN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "human". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CIVILIZATION: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that change civilizations most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- religion
- Internet
- science
- trade
- war
- technology
- movies and music
- sport

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. decade | a. Have a known beginning. |
| 2. originated | b. The society, culture, and way of life of an area. |
| 3. belief | c. A place, process, or event in which something starts or grows. |
| 4. cradle | d. A thinking that something is true or that something exists or is real. |
| 5. civilization | e. A period of ten years. |
| 6. consists | f. All of the facts or information that show a belief or idea is true. |
| 7. evidence | g. Is made up of. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. archaeologists | h. A family member who was alive a long time ago. |
| 9. various | i. A person who studies human history and prehistory through the digging of sites and looks at very old things. |
| 10. sites | j. Killing and cutting up an animal for food. |
| 11. bones | k. An animal that feeds on dead plant material, dead animals, or trash. |
| 12. butchering | l. A place where a particular event or activity is happening or has happened. |
| 13. ancestors | m. Any of the pieces of hard whitish tissue making up the skeleton in humans and other animals. |
| 14. scavengers | n. Different kinds or sorts. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. For many centuries, scientists thought civilization started in East Africa. **T / F**
- b. Stone tools over two million years old were found in Algeria. **T / F**
- c. Archaeologists found 296 stone tools and 250 animal bones. **T / F**
- d. A scientist said the north of Africa was the cradle of humankind. **T / F**
- e. Archaeologists have been working on the project for 25 years. **T / F**
- f. Humans cut up animals for meat earlier than we thought. **T / F**
- g. An archaeologist said our ancestors were not only scavengers. **T / F**
- h. An archaeologist said he hoped to find old buildings. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. believed | a. originated |
| 2. collection | b. obvious |
| 3. began | c. proof |
| 4. butchering | d. set |
| 5. evidence | e. different |
| 6. various | f. just |
| 7. clear | g. thought |
| 8. previously | h. discover |
| 9. mere | i. cutting up |
| 10. find | j. earlier |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. This belief has | a. the city of Setif |
| 2. The new find consists | b. of humankind |
| 3. early humans were | c. mere scavengers |
| 4. The evidence from Algeria changes | d. of 250 tools |
| 5. Africa was the cradle | e. butchering meat |
| 6. Archaeologists have been digging | f. at various sites |
| 7. discovered near | g. the earlier view |
| 8. 600,000 years earlier than | h. the tool-makers |
| 9. our ancestors were not | i. changed |
| 10. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find | j. previously thought |

GAP FILL

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

For many (1) _____, scientists believed the earliest humans originated in East Africa. This (2) _____ has changed because of a collection of 2.4-million-year-old (3) _____ tools found in Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria and not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. The new (4) _____ consists of 250 tools. There were also 296 animal (5) _____. The scientists say the animal bones show that early humans were butchering (6) _____. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader of the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes the (7) _____ view that East Africa was the cradle of humankind." He added: "Actually, the (8) _____ of Africa was the cradle of humankind."

stone
bones
whole
decades
earlier
find
belief
meat

Archaeologists have been digging at (9) _____ sites on this project for 25 years. The (10) _____ -edged tools and bones were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 miles east of Algeria's capital, Algiers. In (11) _____, the animal bones excited the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is now (12) _____ that humans were butchering animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than (13) _____ thought. A Spanish archaeologist said: "The effective use of sharp-edged tools ...suggests that our (14) _____ were not mere scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted, but they did compete with other animals to get (15) _____ to meat. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers and even (16) _____ stone tools.

clear
ancestors
sharp
older
various
access
particular
previously

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) For many decades, scientists believed the earliest humans _____ East Africa
 - a. originate in
 - b. origin dates in
 - c. originated in
 - d. origin dated in
- 2) This belief has changed because of a collection of 2.4-million-year-old _____
 - a. stone tools
 - b. stoned tool
 - c. stones tools
 - d. stone tool
- 3) Algeria and not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where _____
 - a. humanly kind began
 - b. human kindness began
 - c. humankind began
 - d. humane kind began
- 4) The scientists say the animal bones show that early humans were _____
 - a. butcher in meat
 - b. butcher ring meat
 - c. butch a ring meat
 - d. butchering meat
- 5) Sahnouni, leader of the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes _____"
 - a. the earlier view
 - b. the earlier views
 - c. the earlier viewer
 - d. the earlier viewed
- 6) Archaeologists have been digging at various sites on this _____ years
 - a. project for 25
 - b. projector for 25
 - c. projects for 25
 - d. projection for 25
- 7) The sharp-edged tools and bones were discovered _____
 - a. nears the city
 - b. near the city
 - c. nearly the city
 - d. neared the city
- 8) butchering animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than _____
 - a. previous thought
 - b. imperviously thought
 - c. previously thought
 - d. privy as thought
- 9) sharp-edged tools ...suggests that our ancestors were _____
 - a. not mare scavengers
 - b. not more scavengers
 - c. not mire scavengers
 - d. not mere scavengers
- 10) whether or not they hunted, but they did compete with other animals to _____ meat
 - a. get access to
 - b. get excess to
 - c. get ax test to
 - d. get recess to

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

For many decades, scientists believed the earliest (1) _____ East Africa. This belief has changed because of a collection of 2.4-million-year-old stone (2) _____ Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria and not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. The new (3) _____ 250 tools. There were also 296 animal bones. The scientists say the animal bones show that early humans (4) _____. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader of the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes (5) _____ that East Africa was the cradle of humankind." He added: "Actually, (6) _____ Africa was the cradle of humankind."

Archaeologists have been digging (7) _____ on this project for 25 years. The sharp-edged tools and bones were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 (8) _____ Algeria's capital, Algiers. In particular, the animal bones excited the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is now clear that humans were butchering (9) _____ 600,000 years earlier than previously thought. A Spanish archaeologist said: "The effective use of sharp-edged tools ...suggests (10) _____ were not mere scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted, but they did compete with other animals to (11) _____ meat. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers (12) _____ stone tools.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. For how long did scientists believe humans originated in East Africa?
2. How old were the stone tools that were found?
3. How many animal bones did the archeologists find?
4. What did a scientist say early humans were butchering?
5. What did an archaeologist say was the "cradle of humankind"?
6. For how long have the archaeologists been working on the project?
7. How far is the city of Setif from the capital Algiers?
8. How many years earlier have we been butchering meat than we thought?
9. What does the use of tools suggest early humans might have done?
10. What does the project leader now hope to find?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) For how long did scientists believe humans originated in East Africa?
 - a) generations
 - b) centuries
 - c) years
 - d) decades
- 2) How old were the stone tools that were found?
 - a) 2.2 million years old
 - b) 2.4 million years old
 - c) 2.6 million years old
 - d) 2.3 million years old
- 3) How many animal bones did the archaeologists find?
 - a) 205
 - b) 269
 - c) 296
 - d) 250
- 4) What did a scientist say early humans were butchering?
 - a) meat
 - b) ideas
 - c) each other
 - d) the rainforest
- 5) What did an archaeologist say was the "cradle of humankind"?
 - a) Greece
 - b) Mesopotamia
 - c) the whole of Africa
 - d) Arabia
- 6) For how long have the archaeologists been working on the project?
 - a) 20 years
 - b) 25 years
 - c) 22 years
 - d) 18 years
- 7) How far is the city of Setif from the capital Algiers?
 - a) just over 200 miles
 - b) exactly 200 miles
 - c) slightly less than 200 miles
 - d) about 200 miles
- 8) How many years earlier have we been butchering meat than we thought?
 - a) 600,000 years
 - b) 6 million years
 - c) 60,000 years
 - d) sixteen thousand years
- 9) What does the use of tools suggest early humans might have done?
 - a) built houses
 - b) mined
 - c) hunted
 - d) made sculptures
- 10) What does the project leader now hope to find?
 - a) ancient meat
 - b) even older stone tools
 - c) gold
 - d) clothing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Religion

You think religion is most responsible for changing civilization today. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't affect civilization as much. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the Internet, trade or movies.

Role B – Internet

You think the Internet is most responsible for changing civilization today. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't affect civilization as much. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): religion, trade or movies.

Role C – Trade

You think trade is most responsible for changing civilization today. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't affect civilization as much. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the Internet, religion or movies.

Role D – Movies

You think movies are most responsible for changing civilization today. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't affect civilization as much. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the Internet, trade or religion.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'human' and 'civilization'.

human	civilization

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• earliest• collection• began• leader• view• whole	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• various• city• excited• thought• mere• access
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CIVILIZATION SURVEY

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

CIVILIZATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'human'?
3. What did early humans do every day?
4. What did early humans look like?
5. How was life less stressful 2.4 million years ago?
6. What would early humans think about today's world?
7. What would life be like to live in a cave?
8. Why is it important we know where civilization began?
9. What did early humans have for breakfast, lunch and dinner?
10. Would you like to travel back in time 2.4 million years?

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CIVILIZATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'civilization'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How was life better 2.4 million years ago?
15. What would working as an archaeologist be like?
16. Is it better to be a scavenger or hunter?
17. What are the greatest things about today's civilization?
18. What will our civilization be like in the future?
19. What are the most important tools we use today?
20. What questions would you like to ask the archaeologists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) decadence | (b) decades | (c) decodes | (d) decants |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) as | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) belief | (b) believe | (c) belies | (d) belly |
| 4. | (a) contests | (b) contents | (c) consists | (d) concerts |
| 5. | (a) butchering | (b) butcher | (c) butchers | (d) butchered |
| 6. | (a) whole | (b) entire | (c) all | (d) every |
| 7. | (a) varies | (b) vary | (c) variety | (d) various |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) clearly | (b) clear | (c) cleared | (d) clearing |
| 10. | (a) reflective | (b) affective | (c) effective | (d) infective |
| 11. | (a) weather | (b) if | (c) whether | (d) which |
| 12. | (a) meaty | (b) meat | (c) meet | (d) meeting |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. For many ceesadd
2. humans iaedorting in East Africa
3. because of a illntoecoc of...
4. The new find tnscssoi of 250 tools
5. leader of the copjert
6. the lwoeh of Africa

Paragraph 2

7. digging at uirsavo sites
8. svcodeidr near the city of Setif
9. east of Algeria's lciatpa, Algiers
10. earlier than pueiorlvys thought
11. The tffevciee use of sharp-edged tools
12. our ersnastco were not mere scavengers

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. The new find consists of 250
- () edged tools and bones were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 miles east of Algeria's
- () thought. A Spanish archaeologist said: "The effective use of sharp-edged tools ...suggests that our ancestors
- () animals to get access to meat. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers and even older stone tools.
- () were not mere scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted, but they did compete with other
- () of a collection of 2.4-million-year-old stone tools found in Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria and
- () "The evidence from Algeria changes the earlier view that East Africa was the cradle of
- (**1**) For many decades, scientists believed the earliest humans originated in East Africa. This belief has changed because
- () capital, Algiers. In particular, the animal bones excited the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is now clear
- () humankind." He added: "Actually, the whole of Africa was the cradle of humankind."
- () tools. There were also 296 animal bones. The scientists say the animal bones show that early
- () Archaeologists have been digging at various sites on this project for 25 years. The sharp-
- () humans were butchering meat. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader of the project, said:
- () that humans were butchering animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than previously

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. the E. Africa . earliest Scientists believed in humans originated
2. collection stone A tools . 2.4-million-year-old of
3. - began . The cradle of where humankind civilization
4. that butchering meat . were humans early show Bones
5. earlier from view . Algeria changes evidence the The
6. sites . been at have digging various Archaeologists
7. were sharp-edged tools bones and The discovered .
8. excited the bones animal scientists . the particular, In
9. It clear or hunted . wasn't not whether they
10. access to to Compete meat . with get animals

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

For many *decades / decodes*, scientists believed the earliest humans originated in East Africa. This *believe / belief* has changed because of a *collection / collector* of 2.4-million-year-old stone tools *finding / found* in Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria and not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. The new *found / find* consists of 250 tools. There were *again / also* 296 animal bones. The scientists say the animal bones show that early humans were *butchered / butchering* meat. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader *of / to* the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes the earlier *view / viewed* that East Africa was the cradle of humankind." He added: "Actually, the *entire / whole* of Africa was the cradle of humankind."

Archaeologists have been digging at *variety / various* sites on this project for 25 years. The sharp-edged tools and *bones / bony* were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 miles east *of / off* Algeria's capital, Algiers. In particular, the animal bones *exited / excited* the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is now clear that *humane / humans* were butchering animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than previously *thought / think*. A Spanish archaeologist said: "The *effected / effective* use of sharp-edged tools ...suggests that our ancestors were not *mare / mere* scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they *hunted / haunted*, but they did compete with other animals to get access to meat. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers and even older *stoned / stone* tools.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F_r m_n y d_c_d_s , s c__ n t_s t_s b_l__ v_d t h_ __
r l__ s t h_m_n s _r_g_n_t_d _n E_s t A f_r_c_. Th_s
b_l__ f h_s c h_n g_d b_c__ s_ _f _ c_l_l_c t__ n _f
2 . 4 - m_l_l__ n - y__ r - _l_d s t_n_ t__ l_s f__ n_d _n
A l_g_r__ . S c__ n t_s t_s n_w b_l__ v_ t h_t A l
g_r__ _n_d n_t E_s t A f_r_c_ _s t h_ c_r_d_l_ _f
c_v_l_z_t__ n - w h_r_ h_m_n k_n_d b_g_n . Th_
n_w f_n_d c_n_s_s_t_s _f 2 5 0 t__ l_s . Th_r_ w_r_
_l_s_ 2 9 6 _n_m_l b_n_s . Th_ s c__ n t_s t_s s_y t
h_ _n_m_l b_n_s s h_w t h_t __ r_l_y h_m_n s w_r_
b_t c h_r_n g m__ t . D_r M_h_m_d S_h_n__ n_ , l__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

for many decades scientists believed the earliest humans originated in east africa this belief has changed because of a collection of 24millionyearold stone tools found in algeria scientists now believe that algeria and not east africa is the cradle of civilization where humankind began the new find consists of 250 tools there were also 296 animal bones the scientists say the animal bones show that early humans were butchering meat dr mohamed sahnouni leader of the project said the evidence from algeria changes the earlier view that east africa was the cradle of humankind he added actually the whole of africa was the cradle of humankind

archaeologists have been digging at various sites on this project for 25 years the sharpedged tools and bones were discovered near the city of setif about 200 miles east of algerias capital algiers in particular the animal bones excited the scientists dr sahnouni said it is now clear that humans were butchering animals for meat 600000 years earlier than previously thought a spanish archaeologist said the effective use of sharpedged tools suggests that our ancestors were not mere scavengers she said it wasnt clear whether or not they hunted but they did compete with other animals to get access to meat dr sahnouni now hopes to find the toolmakers and even older stone tools

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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For many decades, scientists believed the earliest humans originated in East Africa. This belief has changed because of a collection of 2.4-million-year-old stone tools found in Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria and not East Africa is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. The new find consists of 250 tools. There were also 296 animal bones. The scientists say the animal bones show that early humans were butchering meat. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader of the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes the earlier view that East Africa was the cradle of humankind." He added: "Actually, the whole of Africa was the cradle of humankind." Archaeologists have been digging at various sites on this project for 25 years. The sharp-edged tools and bones were discovered near the city of Setif, about 200 miles east of Algeria's capital, Algiers. In particular, the animal bones excited the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is now clear that humans were butchering animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than previously thought. A Spanish archaeologist said: "The effective use of sharp-edged tools... suggests that our ancestors were not mere scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted, but they did compete with other animals to get access to meat. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers and even older stone tools.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CIVILIZATION: Make a poster about civilization. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ARCHAEOLOGY: Write a magazine article about increasing spending on archaeology. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on civilization. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your opinions on why it is important to know where civilization began. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. believed | a. thought |
| 2. collection | b. set |
| 3. began | c. originated |
| 4. butchering | d. cutting up |
| 5. evidence | e. proof |
| 6. various | f. different |
| 7. clear | g. obvious |
| 8. previously | h. earlier |
| 9. mere | i. just |
| 10. find | j. discover |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Decades
- 2.4 million years old
- 296
- Meat
- The whole of Africa
- 25 years
- About 200 miles
- 600,000 years
- Hunted
- Tool makers and older stone tools

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Scientists believed the earliest humans originated in E. Africa.
- A collection of 2.4-million-year-old stone tools.
- The cradle of civilization - where humankind began.
- Bones show that early humans were butchering meat.
- The evidence from Algeria changes the earlier view.
- Archaeologists have been digging at various sites.
- The sharp-edged tools and bones were discovered.
- In particular, the animal bones excited the scientists.
- It wasn't clear whether or not they hunted.
- Compete with animals to get access to meat.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)