

Reader's Digest Worksheet



'WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ... VOLUNTEER ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG' MAY 2022 READER'S DIGEST

ADVANCED - ANSWERS

1. Select the correct answer to the following questions.

- a. How old was the bronze statue of a calf artefact on page 73?
 - ii. 3000 years old (Page 73)
- b. Which country handles archaeology differently?
 - i. Australia (Page 74)
- c. What items are essential when becoming a volunteer?
 - ii. Hat and sunscreen (Page 75)

2. True or False? Which of these statements are true, and which are false?

- a. **True.** (Page 75)
- b. **False.** They are not essential. (Page 75)
- c. **False.** Trowels and brushes are used for careful removal of soil and dirt. (Page 74)
- d. **True.** (Page 74)
- e. **True.** (Page 74)

3. Select the missing words from these sentences from the words in the list.

- a. mix (Page 74)
- b. snapshot (Page 74)
- c. absorbing (Page 73)
- d. minimum (Page 74)

4. This is an extract from the article. Six sentence clauses have been removed from the extract. Choose from the sentence clauses (A-G) to fit each gap numbered 1-6. To make things challenging, we have added one extra sentence clauses that does not belong in the extract.

"The way the sites present does not lend itself to excavating in squares and is more to do with plotting surface finds such as campsites spread out over a wide area. Nonetheless, volunteers are usually welcome and specialised skills and knowledge are prized."

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A – spread out

Answer: 3

B – skills

Answer: 5

C – usually welcome

Answer: 4

D – does not lend

Answer: 1

E – knowledge are

Answer: 6

F – plotting surface finds

Answer: 2

5. Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

“You could then be employment (1) as a supervisor and not have to pay. Many volunteers becoming (2) archaeology junkies who can't wait to spend there (3) next holiday digging up the dirt.”

There are endless opportunities to volunteer but finding them takes a bit of sleuths (4) on the internet. Some countries provide a contacts (5) point. For digs in Israel, contact a (6) Isreal (7) Antiquities Authorities (8). Field schools are ideal, such as ones in menorca (9) (Spian) (10), Ireland and bulgaria (11). The acrharological (12) Institute of American (13) also lists many opportunity (14). For digs in Australian (15), and other regionals (16) of the world, enquire at universals (17) that offered (18) archaeology to found (19) out which digs they are doing and whether they accepting (20) volunteers.

ANSWERS

1. employed

2. become

3. their

4. sleuthing

5. contact

6. the

7. Israel

8. Authority

9. Menorca

10. Spain

11. Bulgaria

12. Archaeological

13. America

14. opportunities

15. Australia

16. regions

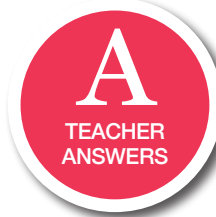
17. universities

18. offers

19. find

20. accept

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6. What's your opinion? This article discusses the methods and practices of archaeology. In about 110 words, write an article on the value of archaeology in understanding the past.

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

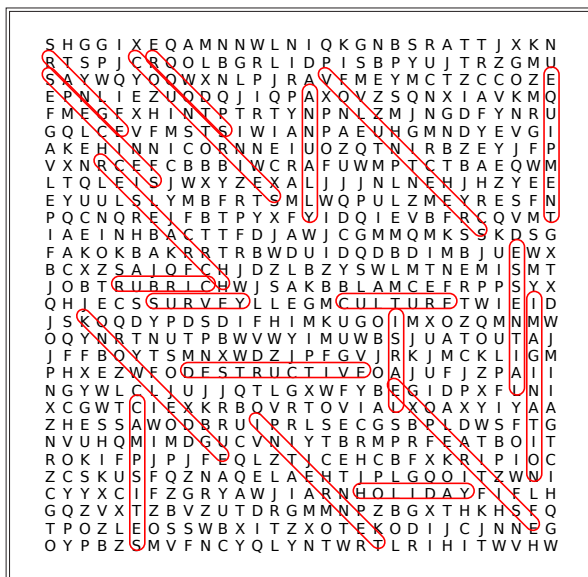
Archaeology is a very valuable discipline that guides and informs our understanding of past civilisations. Not only does archaeology play a significant role in uncovering culturally significant artefacts and data, but it also tells us a lot about the earth and its natural history. Excavating different soils and dirt leads to discovery of minerals that are often unique and also help add to the story of what took place in that area hundreds or thousands of years before.

Although the Indiana Jones movies portray archaeology as being very adventurous and even dangerous, this is not the case. Archaeologists are academics who respect the law and want to learn about how past civilisations worked. They are not treasure hunters.

People who want to get involved in archaeology can research different digs online. Although volunteers are usually asked to pay for the experience, if an individual continues to volunteer they may be offered the opportunity of supervising an excavation in the future.

As well as creating connections with other individuals who are interested in archaeology, individuals can also seek archaeology opportunities through university degrees.

ADVANCED - FIND-A-WORD ANSWERS



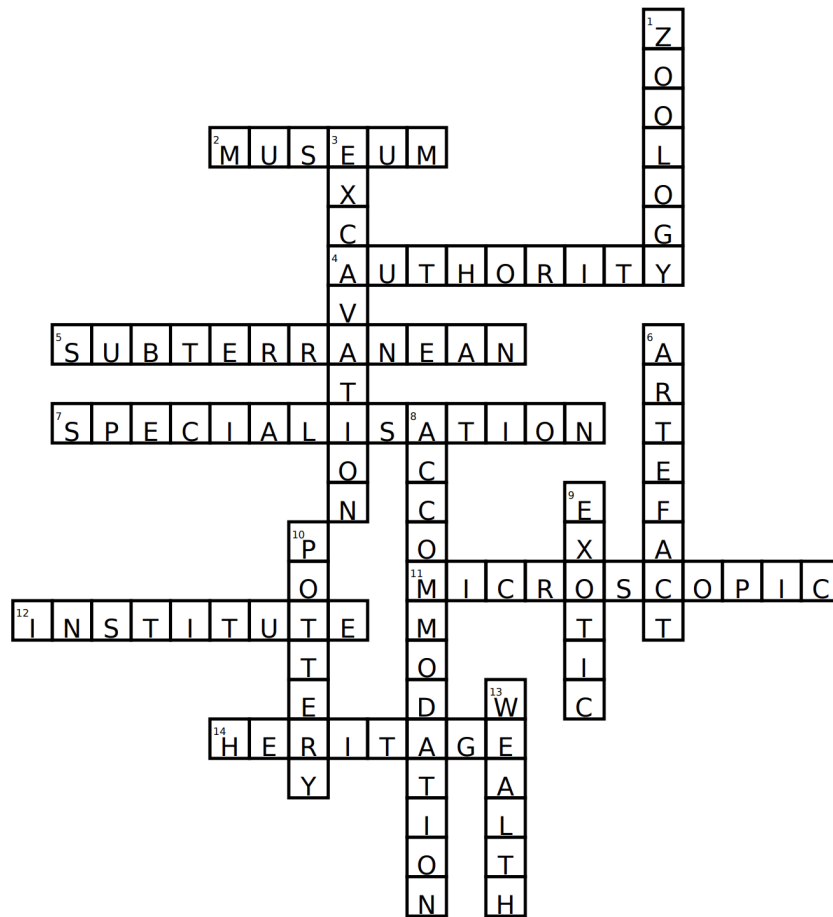
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|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| imagination | equipment | essential | holiday | annually |
| destructive | expertise | internet | range | rubric |
| survey | campsites | countries | roots | culture |
| volunteers | knowledge | Israel | species | research |

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ADVANCED – CROSSWORD ANSWERS



ACROSS

- 2. where historical items are exhibited, *n*
- 4. permission, or seniority, *n*
- 5. under the earth's surface, *adj*
- 7. a subject or skill, *n*
- 11. super tiny, *adj*
- 12. a professional group, *n*
- 14. inherited property, *n*

DOWN

- 1. the science of animals, *n*
- 3. land where the soil has been moved, *n*
- 6. an object made years ago, *n*
- 8. a place to stay, *n*
- 9. from a distant foreign country, *adj*
- 10. pots, dishes made of fired clay, *n*
- 13. a lot of money or valuables, *n*

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ADVANCED - QUESTIONS

Read the article found on pages 72-75 to answer the following questions.



LISTEN TO THE PODCAST ONLINE

www.rdasia.com/podcasts/inspirational/volunteer-on-an-archaeological-dig

1. Select the correct answer to the following questions.

a. How old was the Bronze statue of a calf artefact on Page 73?

- i. 2500 years old
- ii. 3000 years old
- iii. 300 years old

Answer: _____

b. Which country handles archaeology differently?

- i. Australia
- ii. Middle East
- iii. UK

Answer: _____

c. What items are essential when becoming a volunteer?

- i. Hat and sunglasses
- ii. Hat and sunscreen
- iii. Paperwork from universities

Answer: _____

2. True or False? Which of these statements are true, and which are false?

a. If you work as a volunteer on an archaeology dig, you might be employed as a supervisor and not have to pay.

Answer: _____

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b. Whips, just like Indiana Jones used, are essential for volunteering.

Answer: _____

c. Trowels and brushes are used for getting big soil out of the way.

Answer: _____

d. Excavation is destructive.

Answer: _____

e. To interpret findings from excavations, you need people with specialisations, mainly scientific.

Answer: _____

3. Enter the words missing from these sentences using the words below.

snapshot

absorbing

mix

minimum

a. Just as sultanas in a cake _____ will come to the surface, ubiquitous broken sherds of pottery litter the ground.

b. Diagnostic elements can be identified, giving a _____ of what lies beneath.

c. The reality is more _____ and less dangerous.

d. We excavate the _____ area possible to answer specific research questions.

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4. This is an extract from the article. Six sentence clauses have been removed from the extract. Choose from the sentence clauses (A-F) to fit each gap numbered 1-6.

"The way the sites present (1) itself to excavating in squares and is more to do with (2) such as campsites (3) over a wide area. Nonetheless, volunteers are (4) and specialised (5) and (6) prized."



A – spread out

Answer: _____

B – skills

Answer: _____

C – usually welcome

Answer: _____

D – does not lend

Answer: _____

E – knowledge are

Answer: _____

F – plotting surface finds

Answer: _____

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5. Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the pace provided on your answer sheet.

"You could then be employment (1) as a supervisor and not have to pay. Many volunteers becoming (2) archaeology junkies who can't wait to spend there (3) next holiday digging up the dirt."

There are endless opportunities to volunteer for but finding them takes a bit of sleuths (4) on the internet. Some countries provide a contacts (5) point. For digs in Israel, contact a a (6) Isreal (7) Antiquities Authority (8). Field schools are ideal, such as ones in menorca (9) (Spian) (10), Ireland and Bulgarian (11). The acrharological (12) Institute of American (13) also lists many opportunity (14).

For digs in Australian (15), and other regionals (16) of the world, enquire at universals (17) that offered (18) archaeology to found (19) out which digs they are doing and whether they accepting (20) volunteers.



Answer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

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6. What's your opinion?

This article discusses the methods and practices of archaeology. In about 110 words, share your views on the value of archaeology. You may wish to use these ideas to help you compose your article.

Understanding past civilisations helps understand the development of civilisation

The benefits are many

Archaeology volunteering is good for history lovers

History is about solving problems

Archaeology is more than just discovering treasures and lost temples

Volunteers can learn without undertaking a degree

Answer:

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Can you find all 20 words in the word search below?

S	H	G	G	I	X	E	Q	A	M	N	N	W	L	N	I	Q	K	G	N	B	S	R	A	T	T	J	X	K	N
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J	O	B	T	R	U	B	R	I	C	H	W	J	S	A	K	B	B	L	A	M	C	E	F	R	P	P	S	Y	X
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J	F	F	B	O	Y	T	S	M	N	X	W	D	Z	J	P	F	G	V	J	R	K	J	M	C	K	L	I	G	M
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imagination
destructive
survey
volunteers
equipment

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knowledge
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internet

countries
Israel
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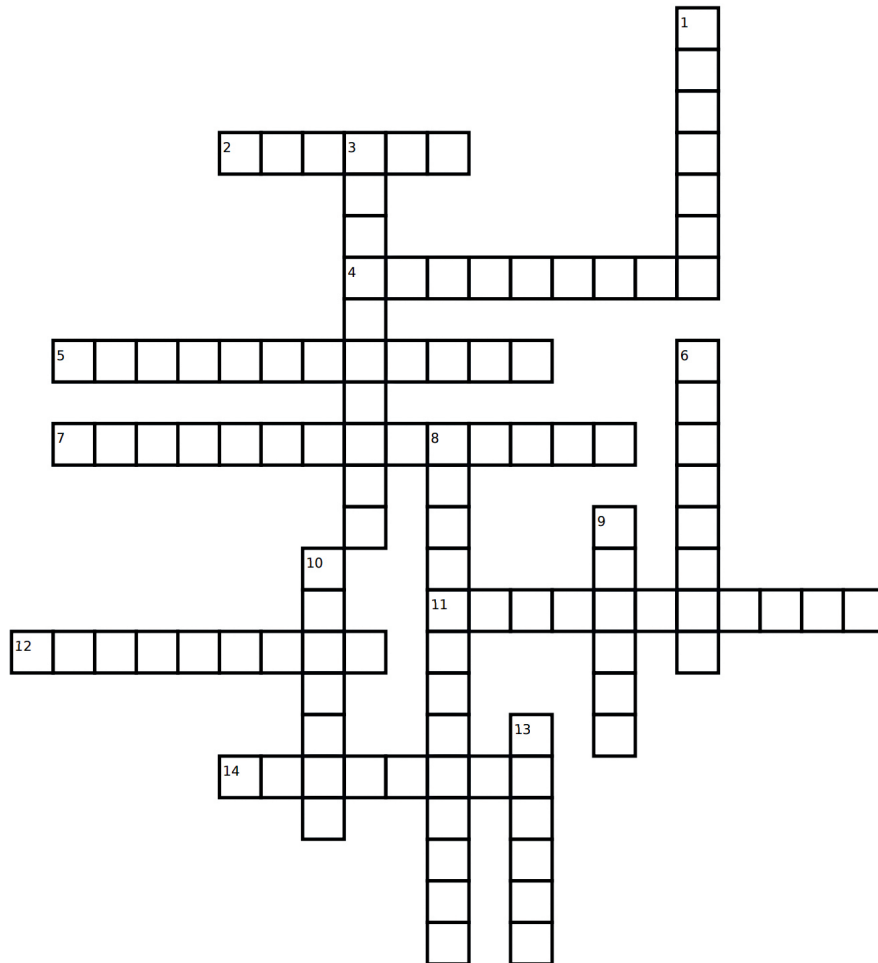
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Can you solve the crossword below?



ACROSS

- 2. where historical items are exhibited, *n*
- 4. permission, or seniority, *n*
- 5. under the earth's surface, *adj*
- 7. a subject or skill, *n*
- 11. super tiny, *adj*
- 12. a professional group, *n*
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DOWN

- 1. the science of animals, *n*
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1. Proper nouns are words we use to name particular people, places or things. They begin with a capital letter. Write the words in each sentence that are proper nouns, as it appears in the article.

i. *From Page 74*

Answer: Middle

Answer: East

Answer: Europe

Answer: UK

ii. *From Page 75*

Answer: Australian

Answer: Aboriginal

Answer: Torres

Answer: Strait

Answer: Islander

iii. *From Page 75*

Answer: Israel

Answer: Israel

Answer: Antiquities

Answer: Authority

2. Plural means more than one. Most words add -s to form their plural. Words ending in -s, -ss, -ch, or -x add -es to make their plural. For words that end in -y (and the letter before the -y is a consonant) add -ies. Select the correct plural.

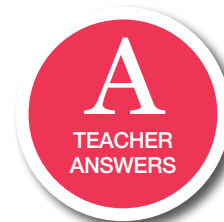
i. b. opportunities (*Page 75*)

ii. a. archaeologists (*Page 73*)

iii. c. technologies (*Page 74*)

iv. b. brushes (*Page 74*)

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3. Adjectives are words that tell us more about nouns. They describe what kind, what colours or how many. Select the adjective that best fills the space.

- i. b. physical (Page 74)
- ii. c. local (Page 74)
- iii. d. basic (Page 75)
- iv. c. amazing (Page 75)

4. A verb in the past tense tells us about something that happened in the past. Which of these are the correct past tense of the verb, as depicted in the article.

- i. c. identified (Page 74)
- ii. c. studied (Page 75)
- iii. b. confined (Page 73)
- iv. a. survived (Page 74)

5. Read the extract from the article. There are grammatical errors in the text. The errors are underlined. Correct the error with the correct word in the space provided. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

Answers: (Page 75)

- 1. Field
- 2. ideal
- 3. Menorca
- 4. Ireland
- 5. digs
- 6. Israel
- 7. Antiquities

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BEGINNER LEVEL 1 - FIND-A-WORD ANSWERS



objects
people
drink
leave
face

plaster
buckets
supply
work
skills

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BEGINNER LEVEL 1 - QUESTIONS



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1. Proper nouns are words we use to name people, places or things. A proper noun begins with a capital letter. Write the words in each sentence that are proper nouns, as it appears in the article.

i. A dig in the Middle East, Europe and the UK starts with a survey to identify what could to be found.

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

ii. Australian sites are handled differently as they are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander historical sites.

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

iii. Digs in Israel are managed by the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

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2. Plural means more than one. Most words add -s to form their plural. Words ending in -s, -ss, -ch, or -x add -es to make their plural. For words that end in -y (and the letter before the -y is a consonant) add -ies. Select the correct plural for the following:

i. The Archaeological Institute of America also lists many _____.

- a. oportuntues b. opportunities c. oportunty's d. opportunity's

ii. Gone are the days when _____ just wanted to find palaces and temples.

- a. archaeologists b. archaeology's c. archaeologist's d. archaeologistes

iii. Today, archaeologists leave the site for future archaeologists who will have different questions and better _____.

- a. technology's b. technology'es c. technologies d. technologie's

iv. The work must be done carefully, using trowels and _____.

- a. brushes b. brushes c. brush's d. brushess

3. Adjectives are words that tell us more about nouns. They describe what kind, what colours or how many. Select the adjective that best suits each sentence.

i. Most digs need volunteers to do the _____ work.

- a. specialist b. physical c. night d. early-morning

ii. People with medical and health training are welcome and so are people who can speak a _____ language.

- a. difficult b. ancient c. local d. strange

iii. It's tough work in the dirt with long hours and very _____ accommodation.

- a. little b. tough c. challenging d. basic

iv. You work in a team and create _____ friendships with like-minded people.

- a. short b. useful c. amazing d. strange

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4. A verb in the past tense tells us about something that happened in the past. Which of these are the correct past tense of the verb, as depicted in the article.

i. A small thing can be _____ that gives a snapshot of what lies beneath the ground.

- a. identifed b. indentified c. identified d. indentifedd

ii. Pottery sherds are _____ to reveal their age, style and composition.

- a. studied b. study'ed c. studied d. study'ed

iii. Places on archaeological digs are not _____ to university students.

- a. confine'd b. confined c. confinedd d. confinied

iv. No plants have _____ from 2500 years ago.

- a. survived b. survived c. survivedd d. survive'd

5. Read the extract from the article. There are grammatical errors in the text. The errors are underlined. Correct the error with the correct word in the space provided. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

- "field (1) schools are idel (2), such as ones in menorca (3) (Spain), iland (4) and Bulgaria.
- "For diges (5) in isreal (6), contact the Israel antituqites (7) Authority."

Answer

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

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BEGINNER LEVEL 1 - FIND-A-WORD

Can you find all 10 words in the word search below?

X	W	L	J	I	K	L	J	I	U	F	I	Y	E	L
J	V	L	B	J	U	W	F	A	C	E	Q	U	S	Q
M	C	G	G	A	S	A	X	L	X	T	P	J	G	Q
N	R	L	E	E	U	K	Y	E	H	P	L	X	B	E
O	H	L	Q	T	P	I	P	A	N	E	A	K	G	M
G	B	W	P	G	P	W	M	V	X	O	S	X	F	F
X	L	J	E	I	L	O	K	E	Y	P	T	Q	J	D
W	A	N	E	T	Y	R	K	O	R	L	E	D	C	F
X	O	S	N	C	R	K	S	N	I	E	R	R	U	X
Y	G	X	T	V	T	U	L	K	K	R	L	I	I	S
F	J	I	Y	A	J	S	Z	A	I	A	T	N	G	C
G	X	B	W	Z	G	Y	E	R	E	L	F	K	D	N
Q	X	J	G	R	Q	C	I	I	P	Z	L	B	K	G
J	Z	R	U	W	B	U	C	K	E	T	S	S	F	K
X	K	W	K	C	A	M	Z	S	I	Q	I	Q	C	H

objects
people
drink
leave
face

plaster
buckets
supply
work
skills