

Unit 8 Test - Impact 1

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the list.

ancestors *civilisation* *discovered* *origins* *site*

1. Scientists _____ that our brains change as we grow older.
2. Researchers found old bones at a _____ in Mexico.
3. They believe the bones are from an early _____.
4. Scientists want to find the _____ of human life.
5. Scientists know one thing for certain. Our _____ had a life that was very different from ours.

Complete each sentence the present-perfect form of a verb from the list.

become *enjoy* *play* *watch* *write*

6. Football _____ very popular in Britain.
7. I _____ watching football games since I was a little kid.
8. My sister _____ football since she could walk.
9. I _____ her play many times.
10. He _____ 3 letters to his friends for 2 hours.

Match to complete the sentences. Write “a, b, c, d, e, f” only.

a. there were	11. _____ a popular international festival in our town for many years.
b. There are	12. _____ fun activities and great food at the festival.
c. There has been	13. Last year, _____ musicians who played Mexican music.
d. there will be	14. This year, _____ a parade as well.
e. there have been	
f. there be	

Read. Write T (True) or F (False).

Early Ball Games

Have you ever wondered who came up with the great idea to kick a ball around? Scientists have discovered ball courts that are at least 2,500 years old.

Ancient Maya civilisations played a ball game called *pitz*. *Pitz* is the first sport known in human history. Researchers have found several ball courts in many countries.

Much like football, the players couldn't touch the ball with their hands. The goal was to bounce the ball through stone hoops on the sides of the court. The ball was very heavy, so players wore a lot of padding for protection.

Men, women and children played *pitz* for fun. It was also an important game for settling conflicts between different communities. Today we don't take ball games quite so seriously!

- 15. *Pitz* is the earliest ball game known to humans.
- 16. *Pitz* players were allowed to use their hands.
- 17. Only men were allowed to play *pitz*.

Listen. Choose one or more correct answers.

- 18. Some of the earliest toys included _____.
a. plastic dolls b. video games c. wooden balls
- 19. Play wasn't important because children had to _____.
a. go to school b. work on farms c. do household jobs
- 20. Today, many children _____ more than they play with toys.
a. play video games b. do household jobs c. read

Writing

Think about your favorite game or sport. Write at least 100 words about it. You should write:

- what kind of game or sport it is

- whom you play it with

- where you play it

and explain why it is your favorite sport.