

7  6.3 Listen to the excerpts. Match them to the reasons for using strong forms.

- 1 The Middle Ages **were** an interesting time, and they were full of scientific discoveries. _____
- 2 Inventions and machines designed by medieval scholars made a great contribution to society, and many are still in use today. **And** some of these inventions are very common. _____
- 3 Many people think gunpowder is **the** most important invention in history. _____

Strong forms are used ...

- a to emphasize that there is nothing better or more than this.
- b to contrast with an earlier idea that the Middle Ages were **not** an interesting time.
- c to emphasize that there is more information.