

Part 6 — Reading: True or False

Read the article. Then choose *True* or *False* for each statement.

The Missing Mona Lisa

On August 21, 1911, Italian painter Leonardo da Vinci's world-famous painting the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. The police believed that the painting was taken when the museum was closed for cleaning, and that the thief was probably someone who worked there. But with over 800 workers at the museum that day, it was going to be difficult to find the thief.

Months passed and the police still had not found the painting. Then, two years later, something interesting happened. Alfredo Geri, an Italian art dealer, put an ad in several newspapers, looking to buy artwork. He received a letter from a man who called himself "Leonardo Vincenzo." Vincenzo, whose real name was Vincenzo Perugia, used to work at the Louvre and admitted that he was the thief.

Geri wrote back and a few days later, they met in Florence, Italy. Perugia said he would sell Geri the painting, but only if he agreed to hang it in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. He had to promise never to give it back to France. Perugia explained that he stole the painting to bring it back to Italy, not to make money. With some quick, clear thinking, Geri agreed, but said the director of the Uffizi would want to see the painting first. They decided to meet in Perugia's hotel room the next day.

After leaving, Geri contacted the police. Geri went to Perugia's hotel the following day, and Perugia showed him the Mona Lisa. The police then entered, and Perugia was arrested.

The Mona Lisa was shown throughout Italy before it was returned to the Louvre later that year.

	True	False
Ex. The Mona Lisa was painted by an Italian painter.	☒	☐
26. Eight hundred workers helped to steal the painting.	☐	☐
27. The painting was found after a few months.	☐	☐
28. Vincenzo Perugia stole the painting to make money.	☐	☐
29. Perugia was arrested by the police.	☐	☐
30. The Mona Lisa was returned to the Louvre.	☐	☐

