



UNIT 1 - READING WORKSHEET #9

READING COMPREHENSION SECTION #4

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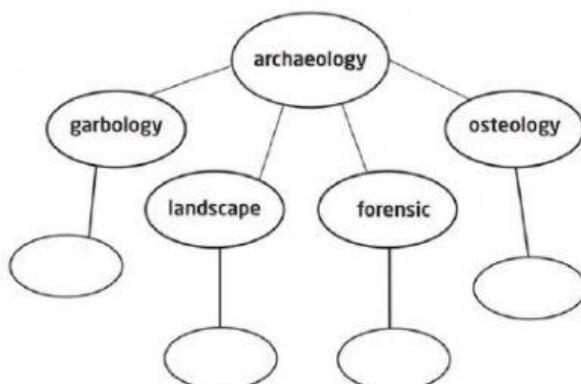
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Check T for True and F for False.

1. Not all archaeologists work at ancient sites. T F
2. Only non-biodegradable trash helps us learn about the past. T F
3. Biodegradable trash decomposes quickly when it is buried. T F

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Read again. Reread the first paragraph. Label the tree. What does each type of archaeology study?



Archaeologists studying trash discovered in Herculaneum found lost jewelry, coins, and semi-precious stones!

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Read and discuss. Check the main idea in each paragraph. How did you find your answers? Where do we usually find the main idea in paragraphs?

Paragraph 1

- Archaeology has many purposes, but it is basically about studying human history.
- From the 1970s to the 1990s, Dr. Rathje excavated 21 landfills.

Paragraph 2

- Trash found in Herculaneum told us a lot about the population.
- Garbology is important in the world of archaeology.

Paragraph 3

- Waste from the past can help us a lot today.
- Dr. Rathje made an important discovery about biodegradable waste.