


## EFL

### A VOYAGE INTO THE PAST

- 2**  Read the article quickly and match the words and the definitions.

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| 1 reed    | A show that something is true   |
| 2 give up | B a small amount as an example  |
| 3 sample  | C a river plant with long stems |
| 4 prove   | D stop doing something          |

- 3** Read the article again and match the headings A–F with paragraphs 1–6.

- A Did *Ra* cross the Atlantic Ocean?
- B How did he build his first boat? **1**
- C How did Thor Heyerdahl choose his crew?
- D What ecological problem did they find?
- E What did the journey of *Ra II* prove?
- F When did he make his second journey?

- **4** Decide if the sentences are true or false.

- 1 The first *Ra* boat was 15 metres long. **true**
- 2 Thor had a crew of people from Mexico, Egypt and the United States.
- 3 The first journey lasted for 54 days.
- 4 The second journey lasted for 197 days.
- 5 Both *Ra* boats reached Barbados.
- 6 There was pollution in the Atlantic in 1970.

- 5 Read *Word Zone* and put the words in order of length, starting with the shortest.


WORD  
ZONE

**Measurements of length and distance**

People often use both metric and non-metric measurements in English.

Metric: *centimetre, kilometre, metre, millimetre*

Non-metric: *foot, inch, mile, yard*

- 6  Try to complete the biography of Thor Heyerdahl with these verbs in the past simple. Then listen and check.

build die go receive sail ~~study~~

Thor Heyerdahl was born in October 1914 in Norway. He <sup>1</sup> *studied* zoology and geography at university. In 1947, he <sup>2</sup> ... a boat called *Kon-Tiki* and <sup>3</sup> ... it with five other men on a 9,600 km journey across the Pacific. He also <sup>4</sup> ... on many other expeditions and promoted understanding between cultures. He <sup>5</sup> ... many awards, too. Thor <sup>6</sup> ... suddenly in 2002. You can still see the *Ra* and *Kon-Tiki* boats in Oslo today.