# UNIT 4 – LESSON 5

## PART 1: READING

Look at the reading task below.

**Read the text below and decide which paragraph contains the following information. Some paragraphs may contain more than ONE answer.**

**1. "the topics of the water shows"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

**2. "how attractive it is"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

**3. "the origin of water puppetry"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

**4. "the materials that are used to make the puppets"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

**5. "the period of time water puppetry was found"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4





1 Have you ever seen a water puppet show? It's so special and fantastic. It's a unique Vietnamese tradition. Children love the performance, and tourists who come to Vietnam greatly enjoy this kind of art.

2 Water puppetry (Mua roi nuoc) is a traditional art form. It began in the 11th century. It originated in the villages of the Red River Delta of North Vietnam.

3 The show is performed in a pool. The puppets are supported by strings under the water and controlled by the puppeteers behind a water. The puppets are made of wood and then painted.

4 The themes of the puppet shows are rural: the performances show everyday life in the countryside and folk tales. There are stories about rice farming, fishing and Vietnamese village festivals.





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**In the above example, students have to match the information in the questions to the paragraphs in the text.**

Reading skills

In order to do this type of reading task, you need the skills of reading for specific information.

Steps to do the matching information exercises

- **This is a suggested strategy to do the matching information exercise.**
  - + **Step 1**: Read the instructions carefully
  - + **Step 2**: Read the questions first and underline the key words.
  - + **Step 3**: Quickly skim the reading text to get the general meaning of each paragraph
  - + **Step 4**: Read the question statements again and scan the reading text to find the answer.

Scanning the text means you need to look for some specific words in the text that are mostly **synonyms** or **paraphrases**, not the same as some keywords from the questions.

  - + **Step 5**: Mark the answer if it matches to the paragraph. If not, move to other paragraphs.

- **Useful tips you should remember while doing this type of reading task:**
  - + Focus on looking for one piece of information instead of understanding the whole text.
  - + Do the easiest questions first. They contain the names, places, numbers or some unusual words so it's easy to find them in the text, too.
  - + The same paragraph might contain more than one answer.

- **Look at the following examples:**

Read the text below and decide which paragraph contains the following information. Some paragraphs may contain more than ONE answer.



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A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

=> 'the themes'

**2. "how attractive it is"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

=> children love...
'tourist greatly enjoy'

**3. "the origin of water puppetry"**
A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

=> 'originated in...'



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=> 'began in the 11th century'



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Key and explanation:

| | | Question 1 | Question 2 | Question 3 | Question 4 | Question 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Find keywords in the questions** | | the topics | attractive | the origin | the materials<br>the puppets<br>make | the period of time<br>found |
| **Scan the reading text to look for:** | **synonyms** | **the themes** | | | | **began** |
| | **paraphrases** | | Children **love** the performance<br>Tourists **greatly enjoy** this kind of art | It **originated in** the villages of… | …**made of wood** | the **11th century** |
| **Paragraph contains information that matches to the question** | | Paragraph 4 | Paragraph 1 | Paragraph 2 | Paragraph 3 | Paragraph 2 |

## PART 2: PRACTICE

**Exercise 1: Read the text and choose the best answer.**



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1 Issac Levitan is one of the best landscape artists in Russia in the 19th century. He was famous for painting beautiful natural views, all the seasons of the year and different times of the day.

2 Levitan was born in 1860 in a poor but educated family in Russia. After his parents died, he lived in poverty. He depended on friends and relatives for a long time. However, his talent in art was still shown clearly. He was the master of using colour, light and shade.

3 Levitan opened the first exhibition in 1877 and received lots of positive comments from the critics. His paintings became more popular throughout Europe during the 1890s. Unluckily, he died because of his serious heart disease in 1900, when he was just 39 years old.

4 People nowadays can visit Tretyakov Gallery to see some of his best paintings such as: 'Birch Forest, 'Vladimirka', 'Evening bells' as well as extremely well-known works like 'Golden Autumn' and 'Spring Flood'.

1. Which paragraph contains the information about "Levitan's excellent skills in painting"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
2. Which paragraph contains the information about "the place where most popular works can be seen"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4



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3. Which paragraph contains the information about "the disease that cause Levitan's death"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
4. Which paragraph contains the information about "the critiques for his paintings"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
5. Which paragraph contains the information about "the topics of his paintings"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
6. Which paragraph contains the information about "the names of his best paintings"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
7. Which paragraph contains the information about "the support from his childhood"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2
   C. Paragraph 3
   D. Paragraph 4
8. Which paragraph contains the information about "the period of time people first became interested in his paintings"?
   A. Paragraph 1
   B. Paragraph 2



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C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

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**Exercise 2:**

**Dong Ho paintings: National cultural heritage of Vietnam**

1 The Dong Ho paintings are one of the most popular traditional art forms in Vietnam. The colour of these paintings is attractive and unique.

2 The Dong Ho painting started around the 17$^{th}$century in Dong Ho Village, Bac Ninh province. The place is well-known for agricultural development, folk arts as well as rich cultural life.

3 What makes them become special is that the paintings are painted in natural paper material. The 'điệp' paperused for printing Dong Ho paintings is unique in Vietnam. The process of colour creation is unique too because all of colours are made from flowers, leaves, fruits, trees and bamboo charcoal.

4 Vietnamese people often buy Dong Ho paintings in Tet holiday. It is a beautiful custom of the Vietnamese, especially in the Northern Delta. Although the paintings do not talk about the New Year, it brings the wishes and luck for a happy new year through folk and close symbols.

Read the passage and decide whether the following sentence is True (T) or False (F).

9. The Dong Ho painting is the most famous traditional artwork in Vietnam. _____

10. The paintings are originated from Dong Ho Village. _____

11. Dong Ho paintings are unique because they are painted in "điệp" paper which is made of natural materials. _____

12. Only people living in the North of Vietnam buy Dong Ho paintings for Tet holiday. _____



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Choose the best answer.

13. Which paragraph contains the information about 'collecting Dong Ho paintings for a celebration'?

A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

14. Which paragraph contains the information about 'the home of the Dong Ho paintings'?

A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

15. Which paragraph contains the information about 'the materials for the Dong Ho papers'?

A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

16. Which paragraph contains the information about 'the topics of the Dong Ho paintings'?

A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

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**Exercise 3: Read the following text and choose the option A, B, C or D to complete the following statements.**



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Modern Talking was the pop duo of Thomas Anders and Dieter Bohlen who started the group in 1984. Modern Talking is often thought of as the most successful German duo with over 120 million records sold worldwide.

The two singers parted ways after an argument in 1987, but they reunited in 1998 and stayed together as a group until 2003. The band was extremely popular in the 1980's due to their extravagant fashion style and their catchy songs such as "You're my Heart, You're my Soul" and "Cheri, Cheri Lady."

Today both musicians are pursuing their own musical careers. Bohlen is well-known as a tough judge on the German version of "American Idol" ("Deutschland sucht den Superstar").

17. Modern Talking was established in _____.
    A. 1980 B. 1984 C. 1988 D. 1992
18. Modern Talking had _____ records sold worldwide.
    A. over 1.2 million B. over 12 million
    C. over 120 million D. over 120 billion
19. The two singers parted ways because of _____.
    A. an argument B. their own business
    C. having no time D. their own family
20. The band was extremely popular in the 1980's because of _____.
    A. singer's handsomeness
    B. singer's exellent voice
    C. scandals
    D. their extravagant fashion style and their catchy songs
21. Bohlen is famous in Germany as a _____.
    A. gameshow judge B. singer
    C. musician D. composer



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