

Unit 2: EXERCISE3

Read the information. Then read the first paragraph of the text. Try to focus only on the main words.

Choose the correct answer.

In any IELTS Reading task, it is a good idea to read the text quickly to understand the *main idea* of each paragraph. Try to read only the main *nouns*, *verbs* and *adjectives* (shown in **bold** in the paragraph below).

Bringing the mammoth back to life

Mammoths once **lived** in **large numbers** across **Asia**, **Africa**, **North America** and **Europe**. However, over time, their **numbers fell** until the **mammoth** became **extinct**. **Scientists think** this **happened** for **two reasons**. Firstly, the **mammoths' natural habitat decreased** in **size** because of **climate change**. Secondly, many **mammoths were killed** by **people** who **hunted** them. The **last population** of **mammoths** lived on **Wrangel Island**, off **north-east Siberia** in the **Chukchi Sea**. These **were woolly mammoths** that **could survive** in **very cold conditions**, but they also **died out** around **4,000 years** ago.

What is the main idea of this paragraph?

- to explain where mammoths lived before they became extinct ☐
- to explain when mammoths became extinct ☐
- to explain why mammoths became extinct ☐