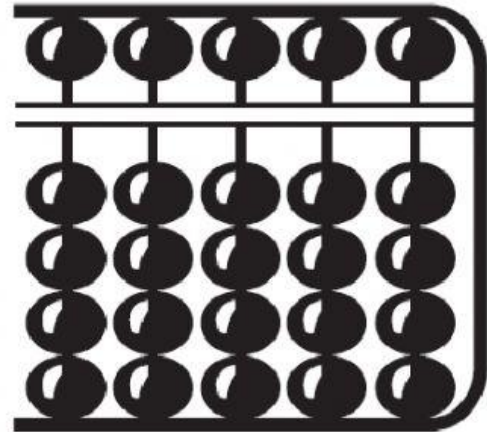


EXPOSITORY TEXT PRACTICE

READ THE FOLLOWING STORY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT IT WITH CLEAR AND COMPLETE ANSWERS.

The Abacus: Oldest Counting Machine

For thousands of years, the abacus has been used as a counting machine. In many countries, merchants used the wooden beads of the abacus to count goods they bought and sold. Historians think that the early abacuses were probably lines drawn in the sand. These lines stood for units, such as 100s and 1000s. Small pebbles within those lines stood for numbers. When people started using written numbers to count, the abacus lost popularity in Europe. But some people in the world still use it today.



Wooden beads on an abacus were used to count units. Their value was based on the column and position (up or down).

1. How do you know this is an Expository Text?
2. What does the title tell you about the abacus?
3. What details from the text did you learn about the abacus?
4. How does the picture and caption help you understand the text?