

A Read the pairs of sentences. Write *M* next to the sentence which is the main idea and *S* next to the sentence which gives supporting details.

1. a. For instance, Greeks have the lowest rate of heart disease in Europe. ...
b. Doctors are researching heart disease in Europe. ...
2. a. Sharks, dolphins, sea turtles and sea lions are examples of endangered animals.
b. Many organizations are fighting to protect endangered animals in our oceans.
3. a. There are many things to consider when you are looking for a job.
b. For example, think about the number of hours per week you can work.
4. a. Catching criminals is not what it used to be.
b. Police use many different techniques, such as DNA fingerprinting, to solve crimes. ...

B Read the paragraph and answer the questions on page 11.

Machu Picchu is an ancient Inca city found high in the mountains of Peru. The Inca Indians the native people of Machu Picchu, were skilled craftsmen. They made unusual things such as beautiful jewelry from gold and silver. The Incas also built many roads and buildings. Religion was very important to them. They built, for instance, beautiful temples and villas.

1. What is the main idea of this paragraph?

- a. The mountains of Peru
- b. Inca Indians
- c. Beautiful jewelry

2. Complete the sentence.

Roads, buildings and jewelry are mentioned in the paragraph to show that

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C Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

People used to believe that women couldn't reach the same achievements in sport as men, but today women are becoming faster and stronger. Women are beginning to close the gap in sports based on speed and endurance. For example, women's times for the marathon have gone down by 50 minutes since 1960, whereas men have cut their time by only eight minutes.

1. a. Circle the answer, YES or NO.

The main idea of this text is women in sport will never be able to reach the same achievements as men. YES / NO

b. What words helped you answer?

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2. Give an example to show that women are beginning to close the gap.

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D Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

Right-handed people often don't understand the problems left-handed people have. Most tools and products are produced for right-handed people. Left-handed people find these tools difficult to use. For example, most scissors are hard to use with the left hand. As a result, a shop called *Anything Left-Handed* was opened in London. It offers over 240 products especially for left-handed people.

1. Complete the sentence to state the main idea of the paragraph.

According to the writer,-handed people have a greater advantage than-handed people because

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2. Complete the sentence to show a supporting detail.

An example of a tool which is hard for left-handed people to use is