

Reading & Use of English part 3

For questions 1-9 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**.

Ancient Writing

In 1999, (1)_____ in the state of Veracruz, in México, uncovered a stone block with marks carved onto its surface. (2)_____ archaeologists realised how important the marks were: the patterns covering the stone seemed to provide (3)_____ of a system of writing based on pictures and symbols. The find was particularly (4)_____ because it was the oldest example of writing ever found in the region.

The (5)_____ patterns, or hieroglyphics, include fascinating images of snakes and birds. Most experts are aware of the (6)_____ of the find, but there is still some (7)_____ about who wrote the ancient message. It is hoped that other similar (8)_____ in the future will give researchers a greater degree of certainty about the origins of the symbols. Experts (9)_____ believe they were written by a civilization known as the Olmecs.

VILLAGE
MEXICO
EVIDENT
EXCITE
REMARK
SIGNIFICANT
AGREE
DISCOVER
GENERAL