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**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Read the passage quickly to get the general meaning.
2. Write **exactly one** word in each blank. Contractions (example: *don't*) and possessives (*John's bicycle*) are one word.
3. Check your answers.

**NOTE:** Spelling will *not* count against you as long as the scorer can read the word.

**EXAMPLE:** The boy walked up the street. He stepped on a piece of ice.  
He fell down but he didn't hurt himself.

## **MAN AND HIS PROGRESS**

Man is the only living creature that can make and use tools. He is the most teachable of living beings, earning the name of Homo sapiens. \_\_\_\_\_ ever restless brain has used the \_\_\_\_\_ and the wisdom of his ancestors \_\_\_\_\_ improve his way of life. Since \_\_\_\_\_ is able to walk and run \_\_\_\_\_ his feet, his hands have always \_\_\_\_\_ free to carry and to use \_\_\_\_\_. Man's hands have served him well \_\_\_\_\_ his life on earth. His development, \_\_\_\_\_ can be divided into three major \_\_\_\_\_, is marked by several different ways \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Up to 10,000 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ human beings lived by hunting and \_\_\_\_\_. They also picked berries and fruits, \_\_\_\_\_ dug for various edible roots. Most \_\_\_\_\_, the men were the hunters, and \_\_\_\_\_ women acted as food gatherers. Since \_\_\_\_\_ women were busy with the children, \_\_\_\_\_

men handled the tools. In a \_\_\_\_\_ hand, a dead branch became a \_\_\_\_\_ to knock down fruit or to \_\_\_\_\_ for tasty roots. Sometimes, an animal \_\_\_\_\_ served as a club, and a \_\_\_\_\_ piece of stone, fitting comfortably into \_\_\_\_\_ hand, could be used to break \_\_\_\_\_ or to throw at an animal. \_\_\_\_\_ stone was chipped against another until \_\_\_\_\_ had a sharp edge. The primitive \_\_\_\_\_ who first thought of putting a \_\_\_\_\_ stone at the end of a \_\_\_\_\_ made a brilliant discovery: he \_\_\_\_\_ joined two things to make a \_\_\_\_\_ useful tool, the spear. Flint, found \_\_\_\_\_ many rocks, became a common cutting \_\_\_\_\_ in the Paleolithic period of man's \_\_\_\_\_. Since no wood or bone tools \_\_\_\_\_ survived, we know of this man \_\_\_\_\_ his stone implements, with which he \_\_\_\_\_ kill animals, cut up the meat, \_\_\_\_\_ scrape the skins, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the walls of the \_\_\_\_\_ where he lived during the winter.

\_\_\_\_\_ the warmer seasons, man wandered on \_\_\_\_\_ steppes of Europe without a fixed \_\_\_\_\_, always foraging for food. Perhaps the \_\_\_\_\_ carried nuts and berries in shells \_\_\_\_\_ skins or even in light, woven \_\_\_\_\_. Wherever they camped, the primitive people \_\_\_\_\_ fires by striking flint for sparks \_\_\_\_\_ using dried seeds, moss, and rotten \_\_\_\_\_ for tinder. With fires that he kindled himself, man could keep wild animals away and could cook those that he killed, as well as provide warmth and light for himself.