

World English 3: Unit 1

Instructions: Read. Then complete each statement with three words from the text.

Pioneers of the Pacific

No one is sure how they did it or even why they did it, but over 3,000 years ago, people sailed into the Pacific Ocean in simple canoes. Within a few centuries, these people—now known as the Lapita—had migrated from Papua New Guinea to the island of Tonga, at least 2,000 miles to the east. They explored millions of square miles of the Pacific, and they discovered dozens of tropical islands never before seen by human eyes, including Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Fiji, and Samoa.

There is much we do not know about the Lapita. Although they traveled from the northern islands of Papua New Guinea, their language came from Taiwan, and their pottery seems to come from the Philippines. So, who were the Lapita? Did they come from one place in Asia or from several different places?

Archaeologists Matthew Spriggs and Stuart Bedford of the Australian National University are working to answer these questions. A Lapita cemetery on the island of Éfaté in the Pacific nation of Vanuatu has revealed information about Lapita customs, and DNA from the ancient bones may help to answer questions about the Lapita people. “This represents the best opportunity we’ve had yet,” says Spriggs, “to find out who the Lapita actually were, where they came from, and who their closest descendants are today.”

But even if the archaeologists can answer these questions, we still won’t know how the Lapita sailed so far east. However they arrived on the islands, the Lapita came to stay. Their descendants have lived in the region for thousands of years, and why not? They’re living in a tropical island paradise that many of us only dream about.

1. The Lapita migration took place more than _____.
2. The voyages of the Lapita people began from northern _____.
3. Nobody knows if the Lapita came from _____ or from a single place in Asia.
4. The descendants of the Lapita live in a region described as a _____.

Instructions: Track 2 | Listen to the interview. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

- _____ 5. The two people discuss the woman's plan to move to _____.
a. a city
b. find work
c. the countryside

- ____ 6. The woman suggests that she feels ____ where she currently lives.
a. excited
b. bored
c. lucky
- ____ 7. The man points out the importance of living close to ____.
a. restaurants
b. nature
c. family
- ____ 8. The woman says her ____ has seen the doctor several times recently.
a. mother
b. father
c. friend

Instructions: Complete each sentence with a word from the list. You do not need to use all the words.

community
culture
factor
migration
neighborhood
place
population
quality of life
resident
society
trash

9. China and India have more people than any other countries: Each country has a _____ of more than one billion people.
10. In my view, it would be good for _____ to have more female politicians and business leaders.
11. This park used to be full of _____, but recently local people have been picking up waste and throwing it away.
12. I'm really interested in the food and _____ of southeast Asian countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia.
13. This _____ is a really nice part of the city because most of the people who live here are friendly.

Instructions: Complete each sentence with the correct word.

14. A person from France is called _____.
15. Iraqi people come from _____.
16. Somebody from the Netherlands may have a _____ passport.

Instructions: Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

- ____ 17. Tanya and her family _____ to a new city twice in the last year.
a. have moved
b. have been moving
c. both a and b
- ____ 18. There are a lot of great neighborhoods in that city, but I _____ any of them.
a. haven't visited
b. haven't been visiting
c. both a and b
- ____ 19. Lance _____ to find a cheap new apartment for the last five months.
a. has tried
b. has been trying
c. both a and b
- ____ 20. I _____ Dani since she first migrated from her country to this one.
a. have known
b. have been knowing
c. both a and b
- ____ 21. The professors _____ about population problems for over an hour.
a. have talked
b. have been talking
c. both a and b

Instructions: Complete each sentence with a so ... that phrase. Use the word or phrase in parentheses and much, many, little, or few if necessary.

Example

There were _____ (cars on the roads) driving through downtown took hours.

There were so many cars on the roads that driving through downtown took hours.

22. She is _____ (happy) she found a cheap new apartment by the river.
23. That neighborhood has _____ (residents from Italy) it is called Little Italy.
24. When I was plogging, I picked up _____ (trash) I filled my bag!

Instructions: Complete the tasks.

25. Write two paragraphs (50–75 words each) comparing the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city that is popular with tourists.