READING • A story about an amazing place

1 ★☆☆ **Read the text. Choose the correct words.**

The story is about some young ¹**Italian / French** people. They found a ²**small / large** number of interesting things in a ³**cave / building** near their home.



A tunnel into the past

(A) In September 1940, eighteen-year-old Marcel Ravidat was in the woods near his home in Montignac, France, when he found a hole in the ground. In the village of Montignac, there were stories about an old tunnel with treasure in it. Was this the famous tunnel?

(B) Four days later, Marcel came back to the woods with a big light and three younger friends – the youngest was fourteen. The boys took some plants away from over the hole and they saw a long tunnel down into the ground.

(C) One by one, the boys went down the dark tunnel. After fifteen metres, they came to a cave and explored it. With their light, they looked up at the walls and the roof of the cave. Suddenly, they saw a lot of pictures – there were hundreds of amazing animals in red, brown and black!

(D) At first the cave was a secret. But after three days they told their friends and families, and their teacher, Mr Laval. Mr Laval went down the tunnel and he understood at once – the paintings weren't hundreds of years old, they were *very* old and *very* important.

(E) Soon a famous historian, Henri Breuil, came to explore the cave. There were around 1,500 pictures in it! He talked to Marcel and the others. These amazing pictures were over 17,000 years old and the boys were the first modern people to see them!

2 ★★☆ **Read the text again. Match paragraphs A–E with headings 1–4.**

A young man finds something strange A

1 A big surprise in the cave

2 An important person comes to Montignac

3 Marcel returns with some others

4 The boys tell their story

3 ★★☆ **Read the text again. Put the story in the correct order. Number the sentences 1–8.**

a ☐ The boys went down the tunnel into a cave.

b 1 Marcel Ravidat was in the woods one day.

c ☐ There were plants over the hole. The boys took them away.

d ☐ The boys talked to their teacher.

e ☐ Marcel saw a hole in the ground in the woods.

f ☐ The boys found a lot of pictures.

g ☐ A famous person talked to the boys about the pictures.

h ☐ Marcel went back to the hole with friends.

4 ★★☆ **Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.**

Where is Montignac? *It's in France.*

1 What stories were there in Montignac?

2 What colours were the pictures?

3 How many pictures were there? How old were they?

4 Why were the pictures very important?

5 How do you think the boys felt after they spoke to the historian?

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