

5 PAST TIMES

VOCABULARY

History

1 Put the letters in order to make words.

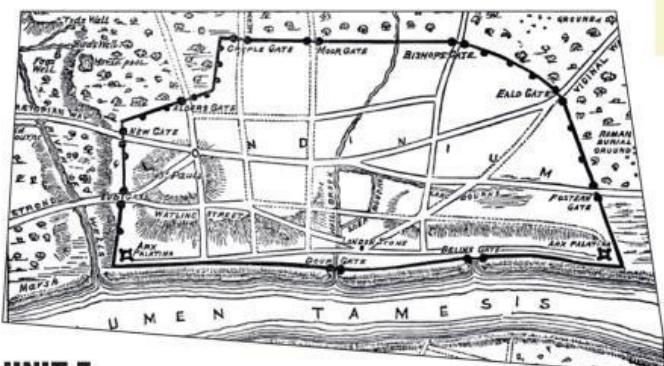
- 1 TRENYCU _____
- 2 THYM _____
- 3 UNDOF _____
- 4 DACDEE _____
- 5 ZITNECI _____
- 6 THIBANNITA _____
- 7 ROTANECS _____
- 8 TEG HET OVET _____
- 9 BERIT _____

2 Match the words in Exercise 1 to the meanings.

- a period of 100 years
- b person who has the right to live in a country
- c obtain the right to participate in democratic elections
- d relative who lived a long time ago
- e very old story which is probably not true
- f period of 10 years
- g a person or animal that lives in a particular place
- h a group of people who live together, usually in areas far away from cities and who share the same culture and language, and still have a traditional way of life
- i to bring something into existence

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in Exercise 1.

- 1 Hercules is a character from a number of Greek and Roman _____.
- 2 The 1990s was the _____ which saw the rise of the internet.
- 3 We are living in the twenty-first _____.
- 4 He applied to become a US _____.
- 5 My _____ came from North Africa.
- 6 Women in Saudi Arabia _____ in 2015.
- 7 This country has around seven million _____.
- 8 The city of London was _____ by the Romans in the first century.
- 9 The Zulus are the largest _____ in South Africa.



READING

1 What part of speech is gapped in each of these sentences? Choose from the list below.

- 1 A circus _____ built in Ancient Rome. b
- 2 I came _____ with flu, so I missed the performance. c
- 3 What's the point _____ going to the circus? d
- 4 Come with us. I think that you _____ enjoy it. e
- 5 Danny enjoyed the show, but I didn't like _____. f
- 6 _____ Roman Empire fell in the fifth century. g
- 7 A _____ of people attended circuses in Egypt. h
- 8 They let us in even _____ we were very late. i

a modal verb	e conjunction
b verb <i>be</i>	f article
c pronoun	g quantifier
d part of a phrasal verb	h preposition

2 Now write the correct word in the gaps in Exercise 1.

3 Read the first three paragraphs of the text about the circus on page 21. Do not try to fill the gaps this time. How many civilisations are mentioned in the text?



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 2

4 For questions 1–8, read the first three paragraphs of the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.



EXAM TIPS

- Read the title to find out what the text is about.
- Read the whole text first before you decide on your answers.
- Look at each gap and decide what type of word is needed – an article, a preposition, a pronoun, a modal verb or something else?

THE CIRCUS: ORIGINS AND HISTORY



The idea (0) *of* travelling performers has its origins far back in history. (1) *It* is believed that the Ancient Egyptians had groups of travelling acrobats, and people may have been entertaining each (2) *other* in similar ways even further back in time.

The word *circus* comes from the Ancient Greek and Roman word for 'circle' because acts (3) *were* performed in round arenas. The Ancient Greeks (4) *would* have chariot races, horse shows, staged battles, and displays by jugglers and acrobats in these places. In the ancient city of Rome there was a fixed place where the shows used to take (5) *place*. The first one to be built was called the Circus Maximus. This stone stadium could seat as (6) *many* as 200,000 people.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, these large circus stadiums fell (7) *out* of use. Instead, performers travelled between towns in Europe performing at local fairs. Groups of entertainers and acrobats have done this for hundreds of years – and they will probably (8) *continue* so for many years to come.

By far the most famous Roman circus building was the Colosseum in Rome, built during the time of the Flavian emperors. Construction of the Colosseum was begun sometime between 70 and 72 CE, during the time of Vespasian. It is located just east of the Palatine Hill, on the grounds of what was Emperor Nero's Golden House.

The water was removed from the artificial lake that was the central feature of that palace, and the Colosseum was built there – a decision that was made for largely

political reasons. Vespasian, whose path to power had relatively poor beginnings, chose to replace the unpopular Nero's private lake with a public amphitheatre that could hold tens of thousands of Romans.

The structure was officially opened in 80 CE by Titus, in a ceremony that included 100 days of games. Later, in 82 CE, Domitian completed the work by adding the top **storey**. Unlike earlier amphitheatres, which were nearly all dug into convenient hillsides for extra support, the Colosseum is an independent structure of stone and concrete, measuring 189 by 156 metres overall.

The amphitheatre seated around 50,000 spectators, who were protected from the sun by a **massive** cloth roof called a *velarium*. Hundreds of Roman sailors were required to pull the ropes that opened and closed this roof! The Colosseum was the scene of thousands of hand-to-hand fights between gladiators, of contests between men and animals, and of many larger battles.

The Colosseum was damaged by lightning and earthquakes in medieval times and, even more **severely**, by theft and criminal damage. All the seats and decorative materials disappeared, as the site was treated with very little respect for more than 1,000 years. Work to preserve the Colosseum began properly in the nineteenth century, and a project to restore it was started in the 1990s. It has long been one of Rome's major tourist attractions. Many changing exhibitions relating to the culture of Ancient Rome are now held here.

5 Read the rest of the text and choose the correct answers.

- 1 Work on the Colosseum was started by the Roman Emperor *Vespasian* / *Nero* / *Palatine*.
- 2 The Colosseum was built for the benefit of the Roman *people* / *Emperor* / *environment*.
- 3 The roof of the Colosseum was operated by *gladiators* / *spectators* / *sailors*.
- 4 Most of the damage to the Colosseum was caused by *natural disasters* / *war* / *people*.

6 Match the **highlighted** words in the text to the meanings.

- 1 level of a building
- 2 very seriously
- 3 outside events where you can play games and go on rides
- 4 almost completely
- 5 very large
