



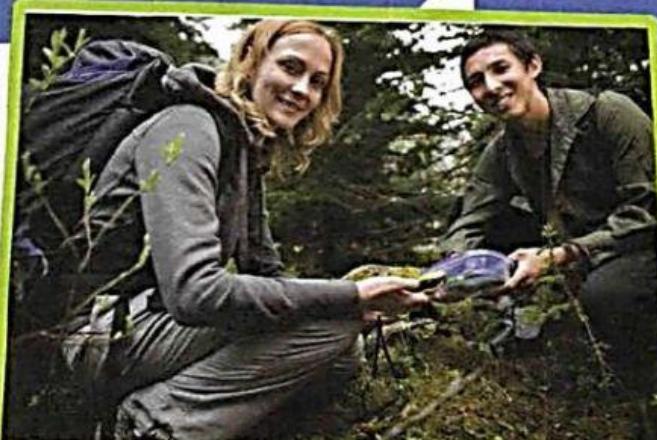
Reading Task

(Matching headings to paragraphs)

Read the information about an unusual hobby.
Match the paragraphs with their correct heading. One heading does not match.

Geocaching: Join The Hunt!

Are you bored with your hobby? Do you want to do something adventurous for a change? Well, you're not alone. People all over the UK are discovering the unusual hobby of Geocaching. Take a look and let the adventure begin ...



- A** Most children love a classic treasure hunt. They go back hundreds of years. The thrill of finding treasure is a passion for many people both young and old. Geocaching brings this passion to life in a hi-tech treasure hunt. Anyone with a little knowledge of high technology can play and enjoy the classic fun of a real treasure hunt.
- B** Players of geocaching need a GPS (Global Positioning System) which is an electronic system (now available in most mobile phones) that locates a position on a map and guides you there. They also need access to the Internet to learn the locations of the various treasures or "caches" on the many geocaching websites that list them.
- C** Geocachers or treasure hunters look up locations of caches on various websites and type their positions into their GPS. They then go in search of the cache in different places around the UK or even other countries. Hunters arrive within metres of the cache with the help of their GPS. Then, the old-fashioned search for the treasure begins.
- D** So what are the caches? Usually they are small boxes that contain inexpensive toys and stuffed animals. All caches have a visitor book or 'log book' which visitors use to record their adventure. Sizes of caches range from tiny boxes, the size of a ring box, to large containers like a plastic ice cream tub.
- E** It may sound easy to find caches with the use of a GPS, but don't be fooled. Caches are often in tricky spots and are not so easy to find. Websites rank the difficulty of a cache's location depending on how challenging the surrounding area is, such as climbing a mountain or crossing a river, and on how difficult it is to actually find the treasure once the hunter is in the location. Websites also provide clues to help the hunters in their quest.
- F** These tricky spots and clever clues bring a sense of adventure to the game. The real joy of geocaching is the trail hunters follow and the new places they explore that makes it all worth it. It's not the contents of the caches that attract people to this hobby, but rather the adventure of finding them.

- 1** HIGH TECH TOOLS
- 2** A MODERN LOOK AT AN OLD GAME
- 3** TREASURE HIDERS
- 4** INSIDE THE TREASURE
- 5** THE FUN IS IN GETTING THERE
- 6** HARMFUL HUNTING
- 7** HOW TO JOIN THE FUN
- 8** THE HUNT
- 9** THE HIDING PLACES

G Another aspect of the game is hiding the cache. Anyone can hide one. They just need to take an item and make a cache then hide it. Next they list the location and any clues they want to leave on one of the geocaching websites, so hunters can begin to search for the cache.

H With all this adventure it's not hard to understand why so many people are choosing geocaching as their new hobby. So what do you need to know to start geocaching? First, visit one of the websites and sign up. Next, search for a cache and follow the instructions. Get a GPS and a few friends. You are now ready to go Happy Hunting!!

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