THE ARTICLE

Scientists say they have uncovered details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument Stonehenge. The ancient stones in the southwest of England are famous all over the world. How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, which is more than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that some human bones found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first used as a burial mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are not sure how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their site in Stonehenge. They now believe the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and erect the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	uncovered	a.	Remove a cover or covering from something.
2.	details	b.	Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.
3.	prehistoric	c.	Small features, facts or parts of something.
4.	monument	d.	Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.
5.	ancient	e.	Relating to or about the period thousands of years ago before written records.
6.	mystery	f.	A statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a famous or notable person or event.
7.	remains	g.	A person's body or bones after death.

Paragraph 2

8.	giant	h.	An area of ground on which a town, building, or monument is built.
9.	burial	i.	Took or carried people or goods from one place to another by means of a vehicle, aircraft, or ship.
10.	believe	j.	Very, very, very big.
11.	transported	k.	Build or put up a building, wall, or other upright structure.
12.	site	l.	The action or practice of putting a dead body under the ground.
13.	erect	m.	Gave things to people that need them.
14.	supplied	n.	Accept something as true; feel sure of the truth of something.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

a. Scientists know the names of the people who built Stonehenge. **T / F**

b. The ancient stones are in the southeast of England. **T / F**

c. Scientists believe Stonehenge's architects are Welsh and not English. **T / F**

d. The oldest human remains found at Stonehenge are 3,000 years old. **T / F**

e. Each stone at Stonehenge is four metres wide. **T / F**

f. Scientists don't know how the stones got from Wales to Stonehenge. **T / F**

g. The people who transported the stones may be buried at Stonehenge. **T / F**

h. The stones that make up Stonehenge are bluestones. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	uncovered	a.	huge
2.	ancient	b.	puzzle
3.	mystery	c.	provided
4.	found	d.	carried
5.	remains	e.	very old
6.	giant	f.	build
7.	transported	g.	bones
8.	erect	h.	exposed
9.	supplied	i.	laid to rest
10.	buried	j.	discovered

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	details about who built the 5,000-year-old	a.	back to about 3000 BC
2.	famous all	b.	the giant stones
3.	a mystery for	c.	bones
4.	human	d.	the stones
5.	human remains discovered so far date	e.	over the world
6.	Stonehenge is a ring	f.	around 25 tons
7.	They each weigh	g.	bluestones
8.	ancient people transported	h.	prehistoric monument
9.	transport, position and erect	i.	of standing monoliths
10.	supplied the	j.	thousands of years

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GAP FILL

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