

IELTS Reading

Text 04 The Story of Silk

Vocabulary and Comprehension Quiz

Choose the correct vocabulary word that matches the definition.

1. To wrap thread around a reel or around your fingers
2. To take a very small drink
3. An ancient story
4. They like to eat mulberry leaves and produce silk fiber
5. Very, very old
6. Expensive, fancy, "feels nice"
7. A soft protective shell produced by silkworms
8. When a ball of thread begins to fall apart into one long thread

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9. A person's level in a society
10. To care for plants, animals or people as they grow and develop
11. A group of trees
12. "as a result..."
13. 1,000 years
14. To turn fibers into fabric
15. King, queen, prince, princess, emperor etc...

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16. It will happen at some point in the future
17. To extend (make longer) by pulling
18. A place where the dead are laid
19. A gift from a government leader to another government leader is a \_\_\_\_\_ gift.
20. Synonym= money
21. An item that can be bought or sold
22. A kind of fiber that comes from sheep
23. A road
24. Has potential to make a lot of money for you
25. To guess

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26. Synonym = river
27. To win a fight or to defeat an enemy
28. Synonym = royal
29. To hide something and carry it to another place.
30. A man who lives in a group with other men who practice a religion

Comprehension Questions:

Choose TRUE/ FALSE/ or NOT GIVEN

31. Gold was the most valuable commodity on the Silk Road.
32. Silk was discovered by the wife of the Yellow Emperor.
33. A cocoon dropped into tea and began to unravel. This made the Yellow Emperor's wife very curious.
34. The Yellow Emperor's wife invented a reel to collect the silk fibers.
35. Monks stole the secret of silk making by smuggling silkworms in sacks of grain and taking them back to their country.
36. At first, silk production was a job only for women.
37. At first, only royalty could wear silk.
38. Silk was used to pay government leaders their salary.
39. A musical instrument made of silk was discovered in a tomb in AD 400.
40. World wars affected the production of silk in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Read the story and identify the story elements:

One day, the wife of the Yellow Emperor was taking a walk in their garden. As she walked, she noticed that some mulberry bushes were being destroyed by silkworms. She collected several soft cocoons and sat down to rest. As she sipped her tea, a cocoon fell into the hot liquid and began to unravel. The emperor's wife found that the fiber from the cocoon could be wrapped around her fingers. She wondered if the fiber could be used to weave cloth. She suggested the idea to her husband who encouraged her to pursue her idea. She invented her own reel to collect the fibers and wove the fibers together. Subsequently, silk was discovered.

41. garden
42. Yellow Emperor and his wife
43. Walked, noticed, collected, sat, sipped, fell, wrapped, wondered, discovered
44. A cocoon dropped into the tea and began to unravel.
45. Silk was discovered.