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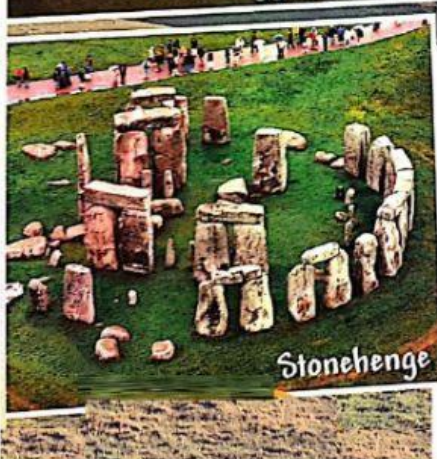
THE MYSTERY OF

STONE CIRCLES

A stone circle is a circle of standing stones. People built stone circles thousands of years ago – some circles are over 6,000 years old! You can find stone circles all over the world.



Castlerigg stone circle



Stonehenge

This is Castlerigg stone circle, in the north of England. It is over 5,000 years old!

Stonehenge is the most famous stone circle in the UK. It is also one of the biggest stone circles. Some of the stones came from Wales, 240 kilometres away. How did people carry the stones so far? Why didn't they use stones from the hills where they lived? No one knows for sure!

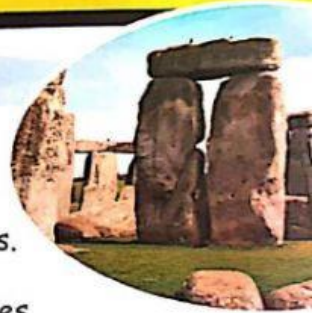
Why did people build stone circles? We don't really know, but there are a lot of different ideas!

Many people believe that the circles were meeting places, where

people celebrated important days. Other people think the circles were ancient markets.

On the longest day of the year, the light of the Sun falls in a certain place on many stone circles. Perhaps the stone circles were ancient calendars to measure the longest and shortest days of the year? Or maybe they were places to watch the Sun, Moon and stars, before people had telescopes? Some people even believe the circles came from space!

What do you think?



Read and circle the correct option.

1. Stone circles are very old. Some circles are over **2,000/5,000/6,000** years old.
2. You can find stone circles all over **the sea/ the country/ the world**.
3. The Castlerigg stone circle is in the **north/south/east** of England.
4. At Stonehenge some of the stones came from Wales, **240/350/400** kilometres away.
5. Some people say the circles were ancient **houses /towns/markets**.
6. **Stonehenge/ Castlerigg** is more famous than **Stonehenge/ Castlerigg**.