

Read and answer the questions.

Archaeologist

What is archaeology? Imagine an archaeologist. What do they do? Do they look for an adventure? Dig for treasures? Is it a good career?

Being an archaeologist is an unusual profession. They do dig to find artefacts from the past but that's not where their job finishes. They study them as clues to find out about people who lived in the past. The artefacts don't tell them their story, instead they have to piece it together themselves. At times, they take risks when they work in dangerous sites.

How does archaeology work? Do archeologists work in an office? Actually, sometimes they do. They have passion for what they do. They study these artefacts as they peak out of the ground, they start to ask questions on site. Let's explore an artefact to find answers. For example, they would find bones at a site in the city. It's much bigger than most animals, but it's so light. What could it be? It must be from a sea creature. Its size and weight tell them it's a whale! They must consider all the reasons to why whale bones are found in the middle of the city. Archeologists would clean and preserve the bones.

Perhaps the whale found its own way up and got stuck. Or someone brought the bones there. What do you think? Do you think the whale got lost? We'll probably never know the real answer but it's exciting to imagine what could have happened and ask so many questions about a city's past. What will you discover next time you visit a museum?

1- Put (T) for true and (F) for False.

- Being an archaeologist is an usual job. ()
- Archeologists work in unsafe sites. ()
- Archeologists study artefacts. ()
- Archaeologists don't love what they do. ()

2- Answer the questions.

- Why do archaeologists search for artefacts?

- Give an example of an artefact.