

One of the most mysterious places ----- world is a small island off the coast of South America

1. (A) of the  
(B) on the  
(C) in the  
(D) around the

called Easter Island. Easter Island is home to thousands of giant stone figures called Moai that circle the island looking outward towards the sea. The island's real name is Rapa Nui, but is called Easter Island because it was first ----- by Europeans on Easter Sunday, 1722. The island

2. (A) met  
(B) known about  
(C) discovered  
(D) built

used to be ----- to thousands of pacific island people who carved the giant Moai out of volcanic

3. (A) house  
(B) home  
(C) lived by  
(D) populated

rock and placed them along the beaches of the island. No one knows exactly why the people of Easter Island carved the giant stone statues. Some people say it was to keep away evil spirits and others say it was a way to honor their ancestors. But -----, it is still a mystery.

4. (A) true  
(B) the story  
(C) still  
(D) really

Most people assume that when an artist makes a work of art, the artist intends on the artwork being around for a long time. Sculptures and paintings that have been around for hundreds of years can still be enjoyed by art ----- today.

5. (A) people  
(B) makers  
(C) lovers  
(D) haters

But in Tibet, a special type of painting is made that is not meant to be enjoyed for very long. These are Tibetan Buddhist sand paintings. Sand paintings are usually paintings of Mandalas, or circular designs, that are done using various colored ----- of sand.

6. (A) grains  
(B) lumps  
(C) tubes  
(D) stones

Some sand paintings are quite large and may take months to complete. The paintings are usually done ----- a festival. Then, on the day of the festival, the paintings are revealed.

7. (A) during  
(B) before  
(C) after  
(D) with

People enjoy them for a short while and then they let the wind blow the sand away. Buddhists believe that sand paintings help us understand how ----- our lives are.

8. (A) dirty  
(B) sandy  
(C) exciting  
(D) temporary

When we think of graffiti, we ----- think of some kids with a can of spray paint writing their

- 9. (A) always
- (B) usually
- (C) rarely
- (D) never

name on the side of a wall. But did you know that graffiti has been around for thousands of years? The oldest known graffiti comes from Egypt. Some of the workers who built the pyramids were known to have scratched their names on some of the ----- stones over 2,500 years ago!

- 10. (A) big
- (B) recent
- (C) writing
- (D) workers'

Graffiti shows up in the strangest of places. During World War II, allied soldiers used to write graffiti on the sides of bombs and artillery shells before ----- them at the enemy.

- 11. (A) throwing
- (B) giving
- (C) sending
- (D) firing

-----, graffiti is seen as a type of urban art form. Many cities hold graffiti contests where

- 12. (A) In the past
- (B) At this time
- (C) Nowadays
- (D) In the future

groups of artists called "crews" compete to see who has the best artistic skills.

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