



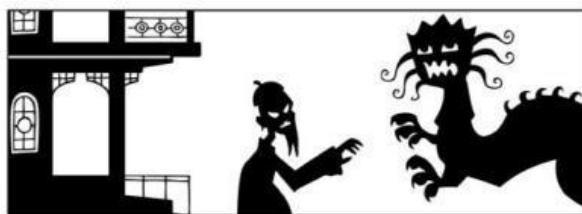
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Read and complete with one word only.

### Shadow Puppets



Shadow puppets were first created in China over one thousand years ago. Eventually, they became popular in many countries, including Japan.

The first shadow puppets (1) were made of leather, but later paper (2) was used. The paper is cut into detailed designs.

Traditionally, shadow puppets (3) were used to perform plays that were usually

accompanied by music. They (4) were made to represent figures such as royalty, heroes and different animals. Sometimes, the performance (5) was staged by many people. The people who operated the shadow puppets could move many puppets at the same time, which was not an easy task.

Today, it's easy for children to make their own shadow puppets and perform a play. When a shadow play is performed, there is no stage, only a white screen with a light behind it. Nowadays, the arms and legs of the puppets (6) are moved by sticks, strings or even straws. They are so easy and fun to make, why not give it a try?

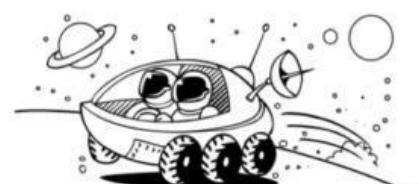
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### Life in the future

Can you imagine life in the future? In one hundred years' time things will probably be very different! Cities will probably be built on other planets. However, people living on Mars definitely won't find life easier than on Earth because of the harsh atmosphere on Mars.

Jobs will be very different in the cities we build on other planets. There may be more scientists and technicians to look after oxygen and water supplies. Other jobs will be replaced by robots and computers. New kinds of transport will definitely be invented and more astronauts will be needed to pilot space shuttles travelling back to Earth. There will also be space buggies and hover crafts for people to get around in.

Sports and entertainment will be very different as well. People might do zero-gravity sports for exercise. Zero-gravity kung fu will be interesting to watch! There are so many possibilities, just imagining life in the future is incredible!



1 In one hundred years the writer thinks

- a) things will probably be different
- b) people may not live on different planets
- c) people probably won't live on Earth
- d) cities will be better

2 Life on Mars may be difficult because

- a) the atmosphere on Mars is harsh
- b) the Earth is colder than Mars
- c) Mars is a cold, rocky planet
- d) there may be more oxygen

3 In future space cities,

- a) people will do the same jobs
- b) everybody will do computer related jobs
- c) some jobs will probably be replaced
- d) everyone will travel by boat

4 To travel around in the future, people will

- a) go everywhere by car
- b) run very fast
- c) pilot their own shuttles
- d) use new kinds of transport

5 Zero-gravity kung fu is something people might do

- a) for work
- b) for travel
- c) for free
- d) for sport

6 How does the writer feel about the future?

- a) calm
- b) excited
- c) unhappy
- d) nervous

## Read and circle.

### Communication through the ages

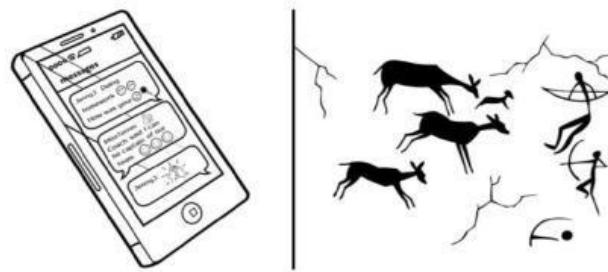
People were able to communicate with each other long before text messages and tweets existed. At first, sign language was used. Gradually, people began to speak and eventually the first writing systems appeared.

The first writing systems were painted on the walls of caves like those found in Altamira in northern Spain. These prehistoric paintings showed pictures of animals such as bison.

In ancient Egypt, pictograms, also called hieroglyphics, were used to depict objects and ideas. After the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, we were able to understand their meaning. The Rosetta Stone had translations of the Egyptian hieroglyphics into ancient Greek so people could translate the symbols and understand their meaning.

Later, the Chinese system of writing was developed using characters rather than letters. In this form of writing there isn't an alphabet, a character may represent a whole word.

Nowadays, we use symbols and characters to send text messages. Modern technology has introduced many different forms of written communication, such as chat messages, blog posts and email. So, the next time you send a message to someone and add a smiley face emoticon, consider it a modern pictogram!



1 What did people first use to communicate?

- a) emails
- b) tweets
- c) sign language

2 What were the first writing systems?

- a) cave paintings
- b) pictograms
- c) blogs

3 The Chinese system of writing uses

- a) characters
- b) an alphabet
- c) hieroglyphics

4 We use symbols and characters to send

- a) pictograms
- b) text messages
- c) technology

5 Modern forms of written communication don't include

- a) emails
- b) blog posts
- c) cave paintings

6 An example of a modern pictogram is

- a) an emoticon
- b) a blog post
- c) an email