

Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph.

(Questions 1-10)

We know from drawings that have been preserved in caves for over 10,000 years that early humans performed dances as a group activity. We mi__ think th__ prehistoric peo__ concentrated on__ on ba__ survival. How___, it i_ clear fr__ the rec__ that dan_____ was important to them. They recorded more drawings of dances than of any other group activity. Dances served various purposes, including ritualistic communication with the divine, storytelling, and social cohesion.

Read a notice.

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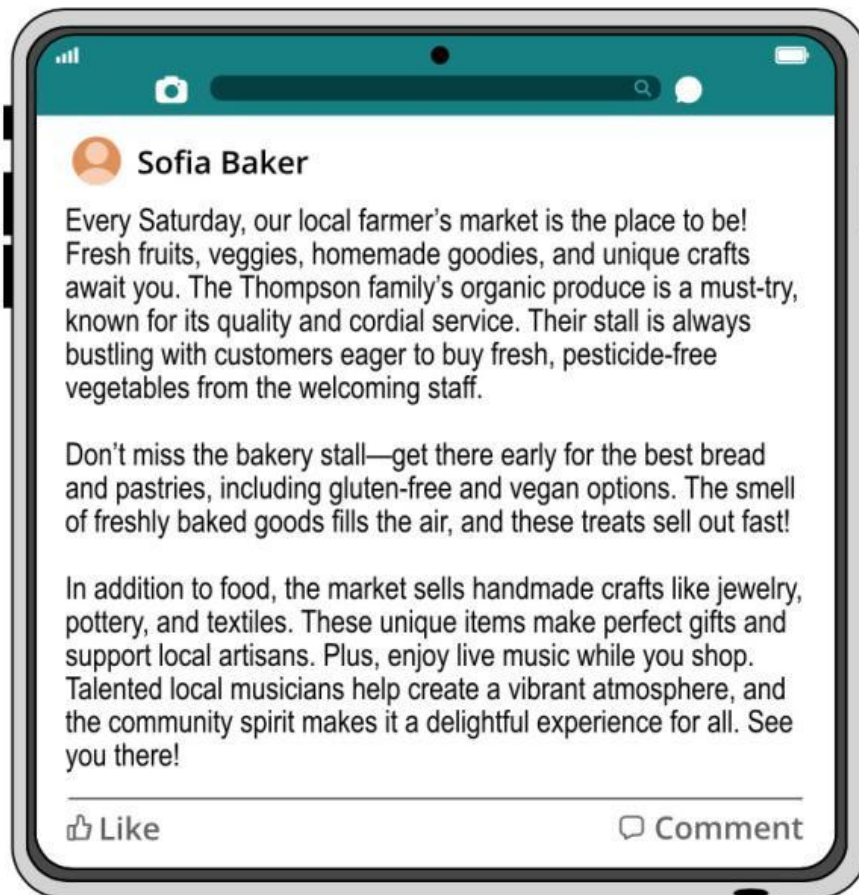
11. What type of business issued the notice?

- (A) An Internet provider
- (B) A computer company
- (C) A paper company
- (D) A bank

12. How can customers enroll in paperless billing?

- (A) By visiting a Municipal Charter office
- (B) By accessing the Municipal Charter website
- (C) By using the Municipal Charter app
- (D) By calling a Municipal Charter customer service representative

Read a social media post.



13. What is the main purpose of the post?

- (A) To explain the benefits of organic farming
- (B) To describe the variety of products available at the farmer's market
- (C) To compare different farmer's markets in the area
- (D) To offer advice on starting a stall at the farmer's market

14. What reason is given for the popularity of the Thompson family's stall?

- (A) They offer cooking tips and recipes.
- (B) They offer the lowest prices at the market.
- (C) They provide friendly service and excellent products.
- (D) They have a beautiful and well-decorated stall.

15. Why do customers go to the bakery stall early?

- (A) To get the free samples given in mornings
- (B) To get freshly baked bread and pastries before they are gone
- (C) To meet the famous baker
- (D) To take advantage of early morning discounts

The Mirror Test

Very young children cannot recognize themselves in a mirror; they usually achieve this milestone around 18 months of age. The ability to recognize oneself in the mirror is considered to be a key component of self-awareness and consciousness for humans. But what about animals?

For many years, scientists have known that members of the great ape family could recognize themselves in mirrors. They measured this by the “mirror test,” which involved putting a colored mark on an ape’s body, and then showing the ape its reflection in a mirror. If the ape tried to remove the mark on its own body, the scientists knew that the ape was recognizing its reflection.

Apes are close relatives of humans, but in recent years, scientists have discovered that other animals also pass the “mirror test.” Elephants and dolphins have shown signs of self-recognition. These, like apes, are highly intelligent animals. But in a more recent experiment, a type of fish called the cleaner fish tried to scrape a mark off its body when it saw itself in the mirror. This suggests that even less intelligent animals may possess more self-awareness than previously suspected.

16. What is the passage mainly about?

- (A) Stages of early childhood development
- (B) Research on animal cognition
- (C) Differences between apes, elephants, and dolphins
- (D) Recent experiments on fish

17. The word “milestone” in the first sentence is closest in meaning to

- (A) accomplishment
- (B) distance
- (C) weight
- (D) discovery

18. Why did scientists put colored marks on animals’ bodies?

- (A) It made it possible to track the animals’ movements.
- (B) It helped them determine whether the animals recognized themselves.
- (C) It made it easier to tell the animals apart.
- (D) It showed whether some animals can detect color differences.

19. According to the passage, all of the following are true about elephants EXCEPT:

- (A) They can recognize themselves in mirrors.
- (B) They are highly intelligent animals.
- (C) They possess qualities in common with apes.
- (D) They understand certain signs from other animals.

20. Why does the author mention cleaner fish?

- (A) To suggest that a wide range of animals may possess self-awareness
- (B) To imply that ocean animals are highly intelligent
- (C) To demonstrate a flaw in a recent experiment
- (D) To provide an example of an animal that does not recognize itself