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Scientists solve mystery of Stonehenge

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THE ARTICLE

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Scientists say they have uncovered details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument Stonehenge. The ancient stones in the southwest of England are famous all over the world. How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, which is more than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that some human bones found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first used as a burial mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are not sure how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their site in Stonehenge. They now believe the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and erect the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/08/03/635363118/builders-of-stonehenge-may-have-been-from-wales-more-than-100-miles-away>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/who-built-stonehenge-ancient-druids-britons-pre-roman-a8474381.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/aug/02/revealed-stonehenge-buried-welsh>

WARM-UPS

1. STONEHENGE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Stonehenge. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

details / prehistoric / monument / ancient / famous / architects / bones / journal / stones / burial mound / weigh / scientists / transport / position / circle / buried

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ANCIENT: Students A **strongly** believe ancient monuments are better than modern monuments; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SITES: What do you know about these sites? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Stonehenge		
The Pyramids		
Machu Picchu		
Petra		
Taj Mahal		
Great Wall of China		

5. PREHISTORIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "prehistoric". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MONUMENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best monuments at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Stonehenge
- Statue of Liberty
- Eiffel Tower
- The Sphinx
- Taj Mahal
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Acropolis
- Angkor Wat

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. uncovered | a. Remove a cover or covering from something. |
| 2. details | b. Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain. |
| 3. prehistoric | c. Small features, facts or parts of something. |
| 4. monument | d. Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence. |
| 5. ancient | e. Relating to or about the period thousands of years ago before written records. |
| 6. mystery | f. A statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a famous or notable person or event. |
| 7. remains | g. A person's body or bones after death. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. giant | h. An area of ground on which a town, building, or monument is built. |
| 9. burial | i. Took or carried people or goods from one place to another by means of a vehicle, aircraft, or ship. |
| 10. believe | j. Very, very, very big. |
| 11. transported | k. Build or put up a building, wall, or other upright structure. |
| 12. site | l. The action or practice of putting a dead body under the ground. |
| 13. erect | m. Gave things to people that need them. |
| 14. supplied | n. Accept something as true; feel sure of the truth of something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Scientists know the names of the people who built Stonehenge. **T / F**
- b. The ancient stones are in the southeast of England. **T / F**
- c. Scientists believe Stonehenge's architects are Welsh and not English. **T / F**
- d. The oldest human remains found at Stonehenge are 3,000 years old. **T / F**
- e. Each stone at Stonehenge is four metres wide. **T / F**
- f. Scientists don't know how the stones got from Wales to Stonehenge. **T / F**
- g. The people who transported the stones may be buried at Stonehenge. **T / F**
- h. The stones that make up Stonehenge are bluestones. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. uncovered | a. huge |
| 2. ancient | b. puzzle |
| 3. mystery | c. provided |
| 4. found | d. carried |
| 5. remains | e. very old |
| 6. giant | f. build |
| 7. transported | g. bones |
| 8. erect | h. exposed |
| 9. supplied | i. laid to rest |
| 10. buried | j. discovered |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. details about who built the 5,000-year-old | a. back to about 3000 BC |
| 2. famous all | b. the giant stones |
| 3. a mystery for | c. bones |
| 4. human | d. the stones |
| 5. human remains discovered so far date | e. over the world |
| 6. Stonehenge is a ring | f. around 25 tons |
| 7. They each weigh | g. bluestones |
| 8. ancient people transported | h. prehistoric monument |
| 9. transport, position and erect | i. of standing monoliths |
| 10. supplied the | j. thousands of years |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

Scientists say they have (1) _____ details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric (2) _____ Stonehenge. The ancient stones in the southwest of England are (3) _____ all over the world. How Stonehenge was built has been a (4) _____ for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and (5) _____ of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, which is more than 160 kilometres (6) _____. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that some human (7) _____ found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human (8) _____ discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

builders
remains
uncovered
famous
away
monument
bones
mystery

Stonehenge is a (9) _____ of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres (10) _____ and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was (11) _____ used as a burial mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are not (12) _____ how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their (13) _____ in Stonehenge. They now believe the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, (14) _____ and erect the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only (15) _____ the bluestones used to build the stone (16) _____ but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

sure
position
high
circle
ring
supplied
site
first

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

- 1) they have uncovered details about who built the 5,000-year-old _____
 - a. pre-history monument
 - b. pre-historical monument
 - c. pre-hysteric monument
 - d. prehistoric monument
- 2) The ancient stones in the southwest of England are famous _____ world
 - a. all over the
 - b. all under the
 - c. all overt the
 - d. all lover the
- 3) How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery _____ years
 - a. for thousands off
 - b. for thousand of
 - c. four thousands of
 - d. for thousands of
- 4) A new study shows that the architects and _____ Stonehenge
 - a. builders off
 - b. builders of
 - c. builder soft
 - d. build a soft
- 5) the oldest human remains discovered so far date _____ 3000 BC
 - a. back too about
 - b. back to about
 - c. black to about
 - d. black to a bout
- 6) Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths - _____
 - a. grant stones
 - b. gaunt stones
 - c. giant stones
 - d. gant stones
- 7) Each standing stone is around four metres high and 2.1 _____
 - a. metres wide
 - b. metres width
 - c. metres widen
 - d. metres wild
- 8) Scientists say Stonehenge was first used _____ mound
 - a. as a burial
 - b. as a burial
 - c. as a burial
 - d. as a burial
- 9) people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and _____
 - a. erect the stones
 - b. elect the stones
 - c. eject the stones
 - d. effect the stones
- 10) used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were _____
 - a. buried them too
 - b. buried then too
 - c. buried their too
 - d. buried there too

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Scientists say they have uncovered details (1) _____ the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument Stonehenge. The (2) _____ the southwest of England are famous all over the world. How Stonehenge was built has (3) _____ for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, (4) _____ than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that (5) _____ found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, (6) _____ 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is (7) _____ standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They (8) _____ 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first used as a burial mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are (9) _____ ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their site in Stonehenge. They now believe the people who (10) _____ Stonehenge helped transport, position and (11) _____. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone (12) _____ with the stones and were buried there too."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

1. How old is Stonehenge?
2. Where in England is Stonehenge?
3. How far did the article say Stonehenge was from Wales?
4. What is the name of the journal mentioned in the article?
5. What 5,000-year-old remains were found at Stonehenge?
6. What did the article say monoliths were?
7. How much does each of the stones at Stonehenge weigh?
8. What do scientists think Stonehenge was first used for?
9. Where might people who transported stones to Stonehenge be buried?
10. What kind of stone is the stone used to build Stonehenge?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

- 1) How old is Stonehenge?
 - a) about 5,000 years
 - b) about 3,000 years
 - c) about 8,000 years
 - d) about 2,000 years
- 2) Where in England is Stonehenge?
 - a) in the northwest
 - b) in the southeast
 - c) in the southwest
 - d) in London
- 3) How far did the article say Stonehenge was from Wales?
 - a) just under 160 kilometres
 - b) more than 160 kilometres
 - c) exactly 160 kilometres
 - d) around 160 kilometres
- 4) What is the name of the journal mentioned in the article?
 - a) Report Sciences
 - b) Reporting Science
 - c) Science Reports
 - d) Scientific Reports
- 5) What 5,000-year-old remains were found at Stonehenge?
 - a) human remains
 - b) pottery
 - c) an old castle
 - d) clothing and fabric
- 6) What did the article say monoliths were?
 - a) wooden doors
 - b) tools
 - c) single sites
 - d) giant stones
- 7) How much does each of the stones at Stonehenge weigh?
 - a) 21 tons
 - b) 25 tons
 - c) 23 tons
 - d) 19 tons
- 8) What do scientists think Stonehenge was first used for?
 - a) accommodation
 - b) a giant clock
 - c) a meeting place
 - d) a burial mound
- 9) Where might people who transported stones to Stonehenge be buried?
 - a) no one knows
 - b) a London cemetery
 - c) at Stonehenge
 - d) in Wales
- 10) What kind of stone is the stone used to build Stonehenge?
 - a) grey stone
 - b) bluestone
 - c) rock stone
 - d) hard stone

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Stonehenge

You think Stonehenge is the world's best monument. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their monuments. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal or Statue of Liberty.

Role B – Eiffel Tower

You think the Eiffel Tower is the world's best monument. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their monuments. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Stonehenge, Taj Mahal or Statue of Liberty.

Role C – Taj Mahal

You think the Taj Mahal is the world's best monument. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their monuments. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Eiffel Tower, Stonehenge or Statue of Liberty.

Role D – Statue of Liberty

You think the Statue of Liberty is the world's best monument. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their monuments. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal or Stonehenge.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ancient' and 'stones'.

ancient	stones
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• uncovered• famous• thousands• 160• wrote• 3000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ring• weigh• giant• believe• position• supplied
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STONEHENGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Stonehenge in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

STONEHENGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Stonehenge'?
3. What do you think of ancient monuments?
4. What ancient monuments are there in your country?
5. Are ancient monuments better than modern ones?
6. What do you know about Stonehenge?
7. Why did ancient people build huge monuments?
8. How do you think people moved huge stones so far?
9. What do you think life was like 5,000 years ago?
10. What can ancient people teach us?

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STONEHENGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'stones'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the great modern monuments?
15. Why can't scientists find out more about Stonehenge?
16. Which is best, Stonehenge, the Pyramids or Machu Picchu?
17. What giant monument would you like to be built?
18. What would it be like to work as an archaeologist?
19. Where would you like to be buried or cremated?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. | (a) detailing | (b) detailed | (c) details | (d) detail |
| 2. | (a) all | (b) whole | (c) every | (d) entire |
| 3. | (a) been | (b) being | (c) be | (d) done |
| 4. | (a) away | (b) up | (c) around | (d) over |
| 5. | (a) sight | (b) site | (c) sate | (d) spite |
| 6. | (a) time | (b) year | (c) month | (d) date |
| 7. | (a) grant | (b) gaunt | (c) giant | (d) glint |
| 8. | (a) briar | (b) berry | (c) bury | (d) burial |
| 9. | (a) their | (b) there | (c) them | (d) these |
| 10. | (a) eject | (b) erect | (c) elect | (d) edit |
| 11. | (a) now | (b) not | (c) known | (d) non |
| 12. | (a) well | (b) only | (c) too | (d) now |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the 5,000-year-old prehistoric notneumm
2. The icatnne stones
3. a tyysemr for thousands of years
4. the ahrcciste and builders
5. in the Scientific Reports aourljn
6. the oldest human reasinm discovered so far

Paragraph 2

7. gtnia stones
8. They each giehw around 25 tons
9. first used as a ilurab mound
10. transport, sioniopt and erect the stones
11. uisppdel the bluestones
12. used to build the stone clrice

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not
- (**1**) Scientists say they have uncovered details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric
- () remains discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.
- () sure how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their site in Stonehenge. They now
- () world. How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. A new study
- () Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around
- () four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first
- () bones found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human
- () believe the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and erect
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- () shows that the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, which is more
- () than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that some human
- () monument Stonehenge. The ancient stones in the southwest of England are famous all over the
- () only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

1. 5,000-year-old Details about who the monument . built prehistoric
2. in The of the England . stones ancient southwest
3. was built Stonehenge has How mystery . a been
4. have Stonehenge Builders could Wales . come from of
5. discovered remains oldest so human The far .
6. standing a Stonehenge ring is monoliths . of
7. is around stone high . four standing metres Each
8. mound . burial Stonehenge used as first was a
9. ancient people How stones . transported giant the
10. with the there . buried and stones Moved were

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

Scientists say they have uncovered *detail / details* about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument Stonehenge. The ancient stones *on / in* the southwest of England are famous *all / every* over the world. How Stonehenge was built has been a *mysterious / mystery* for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and *builds / builders* of Stonehenge could have *come / coming* from Wales, which is more than 160 kilometres *away / afar*. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that *some / same* human bones found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human *remainder / remains* discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years *age / ago*.

Stonehenge is a *ring / rung* of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres *height / high* and 2.1 metres wide. They each *weigh / weight* around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first used as a *burial / bury* mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are not *sure / surely* how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their *sight / site* in Stonehenge. They now *believe / belief* the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and *elect / erect* the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only *supplier / supplied* the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried *there / them* too."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180806-stonehenge.html>

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. STONEHENGE: Make a poster about Stonehenge. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RESEARCH: Write a magazine article about spending lots of money on researching Stonehenge. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Stonehenge. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the ancient site. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. uncovered | a. exposed |
| 2. ancient | b. very old |
| 3. mystery | c. puzzle |
| 4. found | d. discovered |
| 5. remains | e. bones |
| 6. giant | f. huge |
| 7. transported | g. carried |
| 8. erect | h. build |
| 9. supplied | i. provided |
| 10. buried | j. laid to rest |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- About 5,000 years
- In the southwest of England
- More than 160 km
- Scientific Reports
- Human remains
- Giant stones
- 25 tons
- A burial mound
- At Stonehenge
- Bluestone

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument.
- The ancient stones in the southwest of England.
- How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery.
- Builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales.
- The oldest human remains discovered so far.
- Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths.
- Each standing stone is around four metres high.
- Stonehenge was first used as a burial mound.
- How ancient people transported the giant stones.
- Moved with the stones and were buried there.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)