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**Level 2 – 3rd December, 2018**

## **Algeria is the new 'cradle of civilization'**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181203-cradle-of-civilization-2.html>

Scientists used to believe humans originated in East Africa. This has changed because of many 2.4-million-year-old stone tools found in Algeria. Scientists now believe that Algeria is the cradle of civilization - where humankind began. Archaeologists found 250 tools and 296 animal bones. The animal bones show that early humans were cutting up meat. Dr Mohamed Sahnouni, leader of the project, said: "The evidence from Algeria changes the earlier view that East Africa was the cradle of humankind." He also said: "Actually, the whole of Africa was the cradle of humankind."

Archaeologists have been digging at sites on this project for 25 years. The tools and bones were discovered near a city about 200 miles east of Algeria's capital, Algiers. The animal bones have excited the scientists. Dr Sahnouni said it is clear that humans were killing animals for meat 600,000 years earlier than we thought. Another archaeologist said: "The effective use of...tools...suggests that our ancestors were not mere scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted. Dr Sahnouni now hopes to find the tool-makers and even older stone tools.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. humans originated                 | a. up meat          |
| 2. 2.4-million-year-old stone        | b. the earlier view |
| 3. where humankind                   | c. tools            |
| 4. animal                            | d. of Africa        |
| 5. early humans were cutting         | e. bones            |
| 6. leader of                         | f. in East Africa   |
| 7. The evidence from Algeria changes | g. began            |
| 8. the whole                         | h. the project      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. discovered                           | a. of tools             |
| 2. 200 miles east                       | b. not they hunted      |
| 3. it is clear that humans were killing | c. near a city          |
| 4. 600,000 years earlier                | d. stone tools          |
| 5. The effective use                    | e. of Algeria's capital |
| 6. our ancestors were not mere          | f. than we thought      |
| 7. it wasn't clear whether or           | g. animals for meat     |
| 8. even older                           | h. scavengers           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Archaeologists have been digging (7) \_\_\_\_\_ this project for 25 years. The tools and bones were discovered near a city about 200 miles east (8) \_\_\_\_\_, Algiers. The animal bones have (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Dr Sahnouni said it is clear that humans were killing animals for meat 600,000 years earlier (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Another archaeologist said: "The effective use of...tools...suggests that our ancestors (11) \_\_\_\_\_ scavengers." She said it wasn't clear whether or not they hunted. Dr Sahnouni now (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the tool-makers and even older stone tools.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CIVILIZATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181203-cradle-of-civilization-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Civilization 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

