

Reading Sample

(5)	<p>The time when humans crossed the Arctic land bridge from Siberia to Alaska seems remote to us today, but actually represents a late stage in the prehistory of humans, an era when polished stone <b>implements</b> and bows and arrows were already being used, and dogs had already been domesticated.</p>
(10)	<p>When <b>these early migrants</b> arrived in North America, they found the woods and plains dominated by three types of American mammoths. These elephants were distinguished from today's elephants mainly by their thick, shaggy coats and their huge, upward-curving tusks. They had arrived on the continent hundreds</p>
(15)	<p>of thousands of years before their human followers. The woolly mammoth in the North, the Columbian mammoth in middle North America, and the imperial mammoth of the South, together with their distant cousins the mastodons, dominated the land. Here, as in the Old World, there is evidence that humans hunted these</p>
(20)	<p>elephants, as shown by the numerous spear points found with mammoth <b>remains</b>. Then, at the end of the Ice Age, when the last glaciers had retreated, there was a relatively sudden and widespread extinction of elephants. In the New World, both mammoths and</p>
(25)	<p>mastodons disappeared. In the Old World, only Indian and African elephants survived. Why did the huge, <b>seemingly</b> successful mammoths disappear? Were humans connected with their extinction? Perhaps, but at that time, although they were <b>cunning</b> hunters, humans were still</p>
	<p>widely scattered and not very numerous. It is difficult to see how they could have prevailed over the mammoth to such an extent.</p>

The classification system YOU must use:

1 = I got the answer correct. Yay me! And there's nothing more to do.

2 = I got the answer wrong, but after doing some research or looking at the question again I understand my mistake.

3 = I got the answer wrong, and even though I tried to find out why, I still don't know what I did wrong. *I'll have to make a note of this and ask Mark hoca in the next lesson.*

## Sample Questions

Correct answers in **blue** are correct. If my answer is incorrect, it is shown in **orange**.

1. With which of the following is the passage primarily concerned?

(A) Migration from Siberia to Alaska

(B) Techniques used to hunt mammoths

(C) The prehistory of humans

**(D) The relationship between man and mammoth in the New World**

⇒ This is classed as a 1 as I got it correct. :)

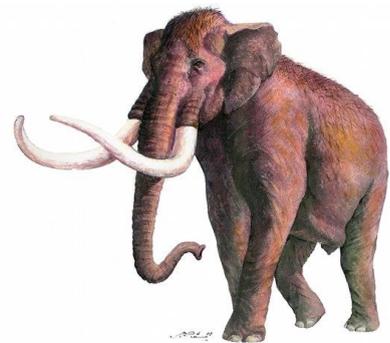
2. The word "implements" in line 4 is closest in meaning to

**(A) tools**

(B) ornaments

(C) houses

(D) carvings



⇒ This is classed as a 2, because I got it wrong, but when I looked up "implements" in the [learners dictionary](#), I understood why (A) was correct.

3. The phrase "these early migrants" in line 6 refers to

(A) mammoths

**(B) humans**

(C) dogs

(D) mastodons

⇒ *This is classed as a 3 as I got it wrong and I don't know why. I'll make a note and ask Mark hoca in the next lesson!*

4. Where were the imperial mammoths the dominant type of mammoth?

- (A) In Alaska
- (B) In the central portion of North America
- (C) In the southern part of North America
- (D) In South America

5. It can be inferred that when humans crossed into the New World, they

- (A) had previously hunted mammoths in Siberia
- (B) had never seen mammoths before
- (C) brought mammoths with them from the Old World
- (D) soon learned to use dogs to hunt mammoths

⇒ This is classed as a 3 as I got it wrong and I don't know why. I'll ask Mark hoca next lesson!

6. Which of the following could best substitute for the word "remains" in line 17?

- (A) Bones
- (B) Drawings
- (C) Footprints
- (D) Spear points

7. The word "seemingly" in line 23 is closest in meaning to

- (A) tremendously
- (B) apparently
- (C) formerly
- (D) obviously

⇒ This is classed as a 2, because I got it wrong, but when I looked up "seemingly" in the dictionary, I understood why (B) was correct.

## Notes

Because you are able to look-up any word in the dictionary - after you've answered the question of course - all the mistakes relating to vocabulary should be classified as type 2.

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