

PART ONE

READING

Read the text and do the exercises that follow.

The Explorers

In 1492, three small Spanish ships, the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria, sailed from Spain on a brave voyage. The Santa Maria was the largest of the three ships, and carried a crew of forty. The explorer, who was the leader of this expedition, was hoping to discover a quicker route to India. He believed that the world was round, so he could sail across the Atlantic and find India. He asked Queen Isabella, the Queen of Spain, to give him the money for this voyage.

Life on the three ships was very difficult for the sailors and the captains. There wasn't enough room for everything the sailors needed on the voyage. Fresh food was a special problem, because food went off very quickly. They sometimes ran out of water because they couldn't store a lot of it.

After two months at sea the captain of Santa Maria saw some land which he thought was India. But it wasn't. It was a Caribbean island. The captain and his crew thought they were in India, so they named the people of the Caribbean islands "Indians".

The beauty of the Caribbean islands was amazing. The sailors tested "new" food, like pineapple and potatoes, for the first time.

Can you guess who the leader of this expedition was? Marco Polo?, James Cook? or Christopher Columbus?

1. Correct all the sentences.

1. The Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria sailed to Spain.

No, _____

2. There were forty people on all three ships.

No, _____

3. The leader of the expedition wanted to find a route to the Atlantic.

No, _____

4. There wasn't enough room on the ship for the sailors.

No, _____

5. The captain named the Caribbeans "Indians" because they looked like the people in India.

No, _____

2. Answer the following questions.

1. When did the three ships sail? _____

2. Which was the largest ship? _____

3. How did the explorer hope to find India? _____

4. Who gave the explorer money for the expedition? _____

5. Why did they run out of water? _____

6. How long did they stay at sea? _____

7. What do you think the sailors and the captains missed most during the journey?
Support your answer.

PART TWO

GRAMMAR

1. Choose a, b or c.

1. "I was surprised that Cindy never became a doctor". "_____ her why"?

- a. Did you ever ask? b. Weren't you ever asking? c. Were you ever asking?

2. We were having our meal when my little brother _____ off his chair.

- a. was falling b. fell c. falls

3. Jack didn't _____ to eat a lot of fruit, but now he does.

- a. use b. used c. used

4. I was watching TV while Rachel _____ her homework.

- a. is doing b. was doing c. did

5. At 2 o'clock yesterday Jane _____ cakes.

- a. bakes b. baked c. was baking

2. Correct the mistakes where NECESSARY.

1. Louise eating her dinner when the visitors arrived. _____

2. James didn't went to school yesterday. _____

3. The sun was shined all day yesterday. _____

4. I was having a bath while my sister was doing her homework. _____

5. Samantha studied all afternoon yesterday. _____

PART THREE

VOCABULARY

1. Choose the correct word

1. You go to a gallery to see a/an _____.

- a. exhibition b. concert c. festival.

2. It was cold, so the rain turned into _____.

- a. thunder b. hail c. heatwave.

3. You usually see graffiti in _____.

- a. streets b. museums c. churches

4. Sarah hasn't _____ the photos online yet.

- a. hung b. given c. posted

5. I play the violin in the school _____.

- a. microphone b. instrument c. orchestra

2. Match the words in bold with one of the phrasal verbs in the box.

come back chill out look round pick up set off

1. When I went to Japan two years ago, I tried to **learn** some Japanese.

2. I love summer because I can **relax** with friends anytime I want.

3. Whenever I go to my village, I always **start the journey** early in the morning.

4. After lunch we went to **explore** the town.

5. I always like the first day we **return** from our summer holidays because I see my friends again.

PART FOUR

WRITING

Write about a famous explorer.

Surf the Net and complete the missing information about an explorer. Use this information to write a paragraph about him.

Name: _____

Date of birth/death: _____

Place of birth/ death: _____

Nationality: _____

Personality: _____

Discovery: _____

Feelings about him: _____

