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## 1. Life in the Palaeolithic Age



Life in a cave: Many activities were carried out in the open air during daytime. Cave entrances were covered by stones and branches for protection against cold and rain.
[Essential Geography and History 1, 2008]

The first human beings lived from hunting, fishing and gathering wild fruit. They hunted mammoths, bears, elephants, deer, bison and other animals. They used their meat for food and their skins for clothes.

They were nomadic: they did not live in a fixed place. They followed the animals they hunted, and searched for places where water, food, and shelter were available. They lived outdoors, in caves, or in wood huts. They were organized in small tribes, made up of members of the same family.

Palaeolithic means Stone Age. Men and women made tools and objects of stone. They used them to hunt and cut animals' skins and meat. Fire was discovered about half a million years ago. It was an extremely important discovery. Early human beings used fire to heat their caves, cook food, and drive wild animals away.

1) The purpose of this text is to:
a. persuade the reader that life in Palaeolithic Age was hard
b. give information about Palaeolithic humans
c. show the advantages of nomadic life
2) The name "palaeolithic" comes from:
a. the material that tools were made of
b. the caves that humans lived in
c. the animals that humans hunted
3) What is the most important characteristic in a "nomadic" community?
a. humans live outdoors
b. humans settle in different places
c. humans live with their families
4) Cave entrances were covered in order to:
a. keep the cave warm
b. protect humans from animals
c. encourage humans to go outdoors during the day
5) Why was fire so important?
a. Humans could make tools
b. Scared animals away
c. Kept humans safe and warm

## 2. Giraffe



Giraffes grow about 1.2 meters in their first year of life. A newborn giraffe is about 1.9 meters tall at birth and weighs about 68 kilograms.

Many young giraffes, called calves, die from lion attacks during their first year of life. Once a giraffe reaches adulthood its height is often enough to protect it from lions. Adult giraffes however, must still be careful of lions when they are bending down to drink water or rest. Usually giraffes will drink or rest in shifts so that at least one giraffe is always on the lookout for approaching predators.

The giraffes' height and excellent vision give them a wide view of the grasslands where they live, making it easy to spot predators from a distance. Some scientists believe that other animals-such as zebras, antelope, and wildebeests—often congregate near giraffes to take advantage of their ability to see danger from a distance. The giraffe could be considered the early warning system of the African grasslands. [National Geographic KIDS]

6) Who is giraffes' main predator?
a. Other giraffes
b. Zebras
c. Lions
7) What is an advantage of giraffes' long neck?
a. They can spot predators from afar
b. They can find other giraffes
c. They can drink easier
8) A one-year-old giraffe is at least 3 m high.
a. True
b. False

Cbapter 1

## Before Breakfast

WHERE'S Papa going with that ax?" said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast. "Out to the hoghouse," replied Mrs. Arable. "Some pigs were born last night."
"I don't see why he needs an ax," continued Fern, who was only eight.
"Well," said her mother, "one of the pigs is a runt. It's very small and weak, and it will never amount to anything. So your father has decided to do away with it."
"Do away with it?" shrieked Fern. "You mean kill it? Just because it's smaller than the others?"

Mrs. Arable put a pitcher of cream on the table. "Don't yell, Fern!" she said. "Your father is right. The pig would probably die anyway."
Fern pushed a chair out of the way and ran outdoors. The grass was wet and the earth smelled of springtime. Fern's sneakers were sopping by the time she caught up with her father.

Answer the following questions after reading the first page of Charlotte's Web. Use full sentences and be specific:
9) Why does Mr. Arable carry an axe?
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10) Describe Fern's character. What parts of the story show this (use specific words or phrases from the text)?
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Hot dogs vs. Burgers: Which one do you prefer and why?

Give 3 reasons to back up your argument.
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