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Stonehenge



Let's Think

1. Have you ever travelled to any places?
2. Which place do you like best? Why?

You are Cathy. You are reading a postcard written by Pamela about Stonehenge.

Dear Cathy,

15th August, 20XX

My parents and I reached England three days ago. Finally, my jet lag has gone away. We've visited several tourist attractions so far. Among them, Stonehenge is the most appealing one to me and I'm going to tell you more about it!

Stonehenge is located in the south of England. It is a mysterious collection of huge stones, each of which is up to five metres tall and weighs about 25 tons. Those stones were arranged close together in a circular pattern. When I stood next to it, I was like a dwarf!

I know you're very curious about Stonehenge so let me tell you some of its possible purposes. Some people believe that ancient scientists used it to study events of the sun and the stars, while some think that it was where religious ceremonies were held. What do you think?

Because of the numerous mysteries and stories about Stonehenge, it has become one of the most famous tourist spots in the UK. Annually, thousands of visitors from all over the world pay a visit to this well-preserved natural phenomenon.

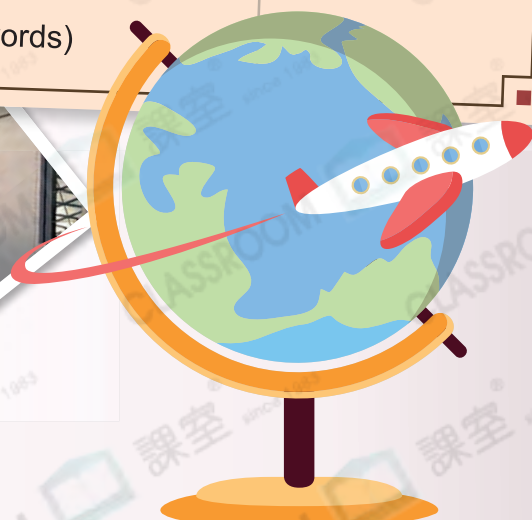
When you visit England in the future, don't miss out on this wonder! I'm sure you will be amazed! See you soon in Hong Kong!

Best,
Pamela

(210 words)



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Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the postcard. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. When did Pamela arrive in England?

- A. 12th August
- B. 13th August
- C. 14th August
- D. 15th August

Pay attention to the date when the postcard was written, and the number of days she had already been there.

2. What does the word 'ancient' in line 11 mean?

- A. relating to modern society
- B. of the 21st century
- C. belonging to a long time ago in history
- D. having good understanding of science

3. According to the postcard, we know that Cathy _____.

- A. doesn't want to know anything about Stonehenge
- B. has never been to Stonehenge
- C. went to England with Pamela
- D. was like a dwarf

4. Which of the following about Pamela is **TRUE**?

- A. She wrote the postcard on the first day she arrived in England.
- B. Stonehenge is her favourite tourist attraction.
- C. She only viewed Stonehenge from a great distance.
- D. She knew nothing about Stonehenge.

5. In lines 16-17, 'this well-preserved natural phenomenon' refers to _____.

- A. the south of England
- B. the stories and mysteries about Stonehenge
- C. the United Kingdom
- D. Stonehenge

Grammar Corner

We can use **demonstrative pronouns** 'this', 'that', 'these' and 'those' to indicate who or what we are talking about. They let us know whether the person (people) or the thing (things) is/are far or near.

e.g. *Those stones were arranged close together in a circular pattern.*
(Lines 8-9)

e.g. *When you visit England in the future, don't miss out on this wonder!*
(Line 18)

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the postcard. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. What problem did Pamela have when she first arrived in England?

2. Find a phrase that means 'until now'.

3. What does the pronoun 'them' in line 4 refer to? Answer in complete sentences.

4. What did Pamela mean when she said 'When I stood next to it, I was like a dwarf' in paragraph 2?

What are the relevant characteristics of a dwarf?

5. The following is a fact sheet about Stonehenge. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

Stonehenge

Location: (a) _____

Average stone height: (b) _____

Average stone weight: (c) _____

Pattern: (d) _____

Possible purpose(s): ■ used for studying matters about (e) _____

and (f) _____

■ used as the venue for (g) _____
ceremonies

Vocabulary Bank

The following are the names of different countries. Match them with the correct photos of famous tourist spots. One of the words is not used.

Italy Egypt France Greece Japan
Australia Denmark India the United States



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2.



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Let's Discuss

1. What should we take note of when we go travelling?
2. Do you like shopping or sightseeing while on a trip? Why?