

Question A1: Finding information

This question will be based on the first text and divided into smaller parts, such as a, b and c, worth 1 mark each. You will have to find a detail in the text for each. You should not waste time writing a lengthy answer or analysing the writer's language choices and techniques. There are 3 marks for this question, so aim to spend about 3–4 minutes answering it.

What exactly must I do?

Check which text you are answering on first. Read the question carefully. Select the right details from the text by writing them down clearly and putting your ideas into your own words or quoting briefly from the text.



ACTIVITY 1

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

Treasure hunters find Iron Age gold in farmer's field – the earliest ever discovered

Intricate jewellery found buried in a Staffordshire field is the earliest example of Iron Age gold ever found in Britain.

The collection, made up of four twisted metal neckbands, called torcs and a bracelet, was discovered by two metal detectorists just before Christmas.

Experts say they would have been owned by wealthy powerful women who probably moved from continental Europe to marry rich Iron Age chiefs.

The pair who discovered the find had swept the field 20 years earlier and uncovered nothing. But after abandoning a fishing trip to go treasure hunting they came across the hoard, which could be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The latest discovery was found about 45 miles north of Hammerwich, near Lichfield – the site of the 2009 Anglo-Saxon Staffordshire Hoard find, which was officially valued at £3.2 million.

That seventh century find, which dates back to the Kingdom of Mercia, is made up of 3,900 pieces of precious metal, currently on display in UK museums.

From Sarah Knapton, in *The Telegraph* (28 February 2017)

- 1 According to the article, which county was the treasure found in? [1]
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- 2 How much was the 2009 Anglo-Saxon Staffordshire Hoard valued at? [1]
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- 3 How many pieces of precious metal were in the 2009 hoard? [1]
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**ACTIVITY 2**

This passage is from a leaflet about Dover Castle. Read it carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Dover Castle and the Secret Wartime Tunnels

Experience the majesty of the castle known as 'the Key to England'. With its commanding position high on the White Cliffs of Dover, the fortress has protected England since before Norman times.

Over the centuries, successive kings, castle constables and governments have added to its mighty defences and its rich history.

- Tour the Secret Wartime Tunnels deep within the White Cliffs of Dover
- Experience the atmosphere of the underground World War II hospital with its operating theatre
- Walk through the wartime plotting room and telecommunications centre
- Immerse yourself in the sounds and smells of World War II
- Watch authentic Pathé news clips from the era
- Enjoy superb views across the White Cliffs from Admiralty Look-out
- Take a break in the themed Tunnels tea bar and shop or have lunch in the NAAFI restaurant

From www.tourismleafletsonline.com/pdfs/dovercastle_se.pdf

1 What alternative name for Dover Castle is mentioned in the leaflet?

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2 What section of a hospital can you find at the castle?

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3 According to the article, where can you view the 'White Cliffs'?

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Extended practice

Make up three extra alternative fact-based questions of your own based on the Dover Castle extract above.

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