

Two Mysteries

English Effective Communication

PROCEDURE

Divide the class into pairs. Give each student a copy of either the A or B reading sheets. The students read the short articles silently by themselves and use a dictionary or consult the teacher if they don't understand a word or phrase. After the students have read and understood the articles, the teacher takes the articles away. Then student A will communicate what was in A's article to student B, and student B will communicate what was in B's article to A. Then all of the students take a test to see how much information they were able to communicate.

The Nasca Lines

Have you ever heard of the Nasca lines? They are one of the great mysteries of the world. The Nasca lines are in Peru. The Nasca lines were carved on the desert floor. They are huge in size. In fact, it is impossible to guess what they are unless you fly over them.

Indeed, the first people to record discovering the Nasca lines were people flying in commercial airplanes in the 1920s.

If you do fly over the desert in an airplane, you will see many marvelous shapes. There are monkeys, spiders, whales, flowers,

Easter Island

Out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, there is an island that is totally isolated. That island is isolated; it is over 3000 km from other areas of land. It is called Easter Island.

Even though Easter Island is isolated, it contains one of the greatest mysteries of the world: the Moai statues.

The Moai statues are large rock statues carved by an ancient people that inhabited the island. No one is sure why the islanders made the statues. There are about 900 statues

and many things that cannot be identified.

There is even one shape that looks like an alien. This makes some believe that the lines were made by aliens or to send a message to aliens who were flying above.

Other people believe the lines were used to mark out important underground sources of water.

No one is sure why the lines were made but recently archeologists discovered who built them. Archeologists discovered a lost city called Cahuachi. People originally built the city about 2000 years ago and then abandoned the city 500 years ago. The people from this city built the Nasca lines.

around the island and they weigh about 14 tons.

Of course there are many theories~ some ridiculous and some reasonable. For example, some people think the statues were built by aliens. Others think they were built for religious reasons.

We may never know because the culture that built them died out long ago. The culture died out because they used all of the resources of the island. Without the necessary resources, the people started fighting among themselves and soon the great civilization that built the stones died off.

Nasca Lines

What is the article about?

Where are the Nasca lines?

Where are the lines carved?

How were they discovered?

What kinds of shapes are there in the desert?

What does one shape look like?

What do some people believe about the lines?

What do other people

Easter Island

What does the article talk about?

Where is Easter Island?

What mystery is located on Easter Island?

How many statues are there?

How much do they weigh?

Why did they build the statues?

What are to theories about why the statues were built?

(1)

believe?

What did archeologists
discover recently?

Who lived in this lost city?

When was the city built?

When was the city
abandoned?

(2)

What happened to the culture
that built the statues?

Why did that happen?