



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: ATLANTIS

1. Write a sentence describing the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Do you think Atlantis was a real place? Why or why not?
3. When did Plato write about Atlantis?
 - A. in 9600 BCE
 - B. in the 300s BCE
 - C. in the 1400s CE
4. Why do some people think Thera is the reason for the Atlantis legend?
 - A. Like Atlantis, Thera was in Japan.
 - B. Like Atlantis, Thera was not a real place.
 - C. Like Atlantis, Thera was destroyed suddenly.



5. What does **fertile** mean in the *Atlantis* book?

*The land is **fertile**. Many crops grow there.*

- A. able to produce many plants
- B. shaped like a square
- C. filled with water

6. What does **greed** mean in the *Atlantis* book?

*The people have gold and riches. But they want more and more. Their **greed** angers the gods.*

- A. a kind way to ask a question
- B. a new plan for ruling a city
- C. a strong desire for more money



ANSWER KEY FOR THE UNEXPLAINED: ATLANTIS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

1. Write a sentence describing one scientific explanation for disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle.

2. Would you travel through the Bermuda Triangle? Why or why not?

3. When did stories about the Bermuda Triangle begin?
 - A. in the mid-1800s
 - B. in 1918
 - C. in 1945

4. Why could sailboats get stuck in the Sargasso Sea?
 - A. Sea monsters live in that part of the ocean.
 - B. Without sunlight, sailboats cannot float.
 - C. Without wind, sailboats cannot move.



5. What does **stretch** mean in the book *The Bermuda Triangle*?

*The Triangle includes part of the Sargasso Sea. This sea is a windless **stretch** of ocean.*

- A. a movement of the body
- B. an area of land or sea
- C. a hard thing to do

6. What does **contact** mean in the book *The Bermuda Triangle*?

*People on land lost **contact** with the planes. The planes were never seen again.*

- A. the act of touching something
- B. a way to fly in a group
- C. a connection with something



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: CROP CIRCLES

1. Write a sentence describing what a crop circle is.

2. Would you want to see a crop circle up close? Why or why not?

3. According to early legends, what created crop circles?
 - A. humans
 - B. aliens
 - C. the mowing devil

4. Why are theories about how crop circles form hard to prove?
 - A. Crop circles only last a very short time.
 - B. People can only read about crop circles online.
 - C. People must guess what happens instead of watching it.



5. What does **design** mean in the *Crop Circles* book?

*The **design** was made of 151 circles. The circles formed a huge spiral.*

- A. a shape or pattern
- B. a very small piece
- C. a type of food

6. What does **popular** mean in the *Crop Circles* book?

*In the late 1900s, crop circles became very **popular**. People found them more often.*

- A. seen by no one
- B. known by many people
- C. known by fewer people



ANSWER KEY FOR THE UNEXPLAINED: CROP CIRCLES

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: GHOSTS

1. Write a sentence explaining one scientific reason a person might see a ghost.

2. Do you enjoy reading or hearing ghost stories? Why or why not?

3. According to legend, where do many ghosts appear?
 - A. in bright, sunny places
 - B. in places they lived or died
 - C. in places with no people

4. Which action might a poltergeist do?
 - A. throw a chair across a room
 - B. take the shape of a dog
 - C. take the shape of a person



5. What does **roam** mean in the *Ghosts* book?

*Some ghosts **roam** the earth. Others haunt certain places.*

- A. to move throughout a large area
- B. to stay in one small place
- C. to not do anything

6. What does **reported** mean in the *Ghosts* book?

*Some of their ghosts are said to walk the tower's halls. One guard even **reported** seeing a ghost bear!*

- A. woke up late
- B. read a book
- C. told about something seen or heard



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: HAUNTED HOUSES

1. Write a sentence describing the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Would you want to visit a haunted house? Why or why not?
3. Where did the first haunted house story come from?
 - A. New York
 - B. Japan
 - C. Rome
4. A friend tells you a new movie is really bad. According to the power of suggestion, what might you do when you see the movie?
 - A. You might notice only bad things about the movie.
 - B. You might really enjoy the movie.
 - C. You might forget what happens in the movie.



5. What does **harmless** mean in the *Haunted Houses* book?

*Some ghosts that haunt houses are **harmless**. But other ghosts hurt people or want revenge.*

- A. wanting revenge
- B. not doing anything
- C. not causing problems

6. What does **rattle** mean in the *Haunted Houses* book?

*People often hear strange sounds in haunted houses. Walls **rattle**. Stairs squeak.*

- A. to stay very quiet
- B. to make noise by shaking
- C. to fill with water



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: PSYCHICS

1. Write a sentence explaining one ability a person with ESP might have.
2. Would you want to be able to read people's minds? Why or why not?
3. When did the religion of spiritualism become very popular?
 - A. in the mid-1800s
 - B. in the late 1900s
 - C. in ancient times
4. How would watching someone's body language help a psychic know what to say?
 - A. A psychic could read the person's mind.
 - B. A psychic could guess if her comment was on the right track.
 - C. A psychic could hear from spirits in the room.



5. What does **research** mean in the *Psychics* book?

*Some psychics **research** their clients. Then they pretend to sense this information.*

- A. to find information about someone
- B. to pay money to someone
- C. to tell lies about someone

6. What does **contact** mean in the *Psychics* book?

*Mediums try to **contact** people who have died. Some mediums hear spirits. They tell others what the spirits say.*

- A. to slap or hit
- B. to talk with
- C. to chase away



ANSWER KEY FOR THE UNEXPLAINED: PSYCHICS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. B

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: STONEHENGE

1. Write a sentence summarizing the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Would you want to see Stonehenge in real life? Why or why not?

3. Which theory about why Stonehenge was built does the most evidence support?
 - A. The wizard Merlin used magic to build Stonehenge.
 - B. Farmers built Stonehenge to mark the changing seasons.
 - C. The Druids built Stonehenge to be their temple.

4. Why would it have been hard to move the vertical stones long distances?
 - A. The stones were very big and heavy.
 - B. The land near Stonehenge is full of trees.
 - C. The builders could only use metal tools.

5. What does **theories** mean in the *Stonehenge* book?

*People today are not sure why Stonehenge was built. Many **theories** have been suggested. Some ideas are less likely than others.*

- A. suggestions for how to do something
- B. ideas meant to explain something
- C. people who build something

6. What does **burial** mean in the *Stonehenge* book?

*Many scientists agree it was once a **burial** ground. People brought their dead to Stonehenge.*

- A. used for burying the dead
- B. used to heal people
- C. used to grow food



ANSWER KEY FOR THE UNEXPLAINED: STONEHENGE

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

THE UNEXPLAINED: UFOS

1. Write a sentence that explains the main idea of Chapter 2.

2. Would you like to see a UFO? Why or why not?

3. When did interest in UFOs begin to take off?
 - A. in 1897
 - B. in the 1940s
 - C. in 1961

4. Which event would be a CE3 on the CE scale?
 - A. A person sees a UFO in the sky.
 - B. A person sees aliens land and walk out of a UFO.
 - C. A person sees tracks in a field that seem to be made by a UFO.



5. What does **churn** mean in the *UFOs* book?

*Next, tons of fish swirl to the surface. They **churn** the water around the boat.*

- A. to make ice cream
- B. to mix or stir
- C. to stay very calm

6. What does **spotted** mean in the *UFOs* book?

*People usually see UFOs in remote places. Many are **spotted** in deserts.*

- A. seen by people
- B. eaten by animals
- C. covered in small dots



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. A