



## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary

Look at the words below and match them with their meanings.

**archaeologist    mystery    discovery    medieval    town hall    palace**

1. *noun*: a very large beautiful house, usually where a king or queen lives
2. *noun*: something that people don't know about
3. *noun*: when people find or learn about something they didn't know about before
4. *noun*: a person who studies very old things like buildings and objects that are found in the ground
5. *adjective*: a period of time in European history between the end of the Roman Empire in 476 AD. and about 1500 AD.
6. *noun*: a building with offices for the people who control a town

### B: Prediction

1. Today's article is about Cyprus.  
Work in pairs or small groups and discuss what you know about Cyprus.
2. Look at the following words and discuss in groups what you think today's article is about. Use all the words in your discussion: **palace    mystery    discovery    archaeologist    medieval.**

## Reading Activities

### A: Reading for Overall Understanding

Read the article below quickly without using your dictionary, and choose the best sentence.

Today's article is about...

- a. the Lusigans who were a French noble family.
- b. medieval Cyprus.
- c. workers finding an 800 year-old palace.
- d. bits of pottery and wall paintings found in Nicosia.

NICOSIA Fri June 21 (Reuters) - Workers building a new town hall in Nicosia, Cyprus found the remains of an 800-year-old Lusigan palace whose whereabouts has been a mystery for centuries. The discovery is good news for archaeologists who have a lot of literature but very little physical evidence from the history of medieval Cyprus.

The Lusigans were a French noble family which ruled Cyprus from 1192 to 1489. They built three palaces in Nicosia but only small parts of the third palace still **stand**.

"...Yes, we have found some foundations of the palace, which was the first of the Lusigan palaces," said Pavlos Flourenzos, curator at the Cyprus Museum. The first palace was completed in 1211 and destroyed in about 1373. Stone walls are more than a meter thick and more than three meters high. Bits of pottery and wall paintings have also been found.

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**Glossary: stand** - to be upright, standing straight up, not lying down



## B: Reading for Detail

Look at the sentences from today's article and choose the best answers.

*"The discovery is good news for archaeologists who have a lot of literature but very little physical evidence from the history of medieval Cyprus. "*

In this sentence....

1. **discovery** means...
  - a. *finding the 800-year-old palace.*
  - b. *building the town hall*
2. **literature** means...
  - a. *someone who can read and write*
  - b. *stories, plays, poems, written material*
3. **physical evidence** means...
  - a. *buildings, pottery, paintings etc.*
  - b. *arms, legs, fingers and other parts of the human body*

*"They built three palaces in Nicosia but only small parts of the third palace still stand."*

4. **They** means...
  - a. *Pavlos Flourenzos and other people from the Cyprus Museum.*
  - b. *the Lusigans.*
5. **...only small parts** means...
  - a. *you can see small sections of the third palace.*
  - b. *you can see all of the third palace.*

## C: Questions

Read the article again and answer the questions.

1. What were the workers building?
2. Did archaeologists know where the palace was?
3. Who were the Lusigans?
4. How many palaces did the Lusigans build?
5. Have archaeologists found many buildings from medieval Cyprus?
6. Do archaeologists have much literature from medieval Cyprus?
7. What other things did they find?
8. Why do you think there is a lot of literature but very little physical evidence from medieval Cyprus?

## D: Sequencing

Look at the sentences below and put them into the order in which you think they happened.

- Archaeologists didn't know where the first palace was built.
- The first palace was destroyed in 1373.
- Workers found the 800-year-old palace while building a new Town Hall.
- The Lusigans built the first palace in 1211.

## Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

### A: Language

In today's article there were these words: ...for centuries.

We can also use...  
... for decades  
... for years  
... for months  
... for weeks  
... for days.

We use these expressions when we want to say how long something lasts.

It isn't necessary to say exactly what the time or date was.

Fill the gaps in each sentence below with one of the expressions.

**...for centuries    ... for decades    ... for years    ... for months    ... for weeks    ... for days**

1. I haven't slept \_\_\_\_\_
2. I've had this cold \_\_\_\_\_
3. He has been studying to be a doctor \_\_\_\_\_
4. She's been an artist \_\_\_\_\_
5. That church has been there \_\_\_\_\_

Now write three more of your own sentences using the phrases above.

6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

### B: Vocabulary

Look at the questions below and discuss your answers with your partner.

1. Does your country have any palaces?  
Have you ever been to a palace? Which one? What was it like?
2. What sorts of things do archaeologists do?  
Would you like to be an archaeologist? Why or why not?
3. Have archaeologists made any important discoveries in your country?  
What were the discoveries?
4. What is your town hall like?

### C: Word Find

Find six words from today's article in this word find puzzle.

D	T	O	W	N	H	A	L	L
M	I	Y	L	I	M	A	F	M
Y	R	S	C	A	D	L	E	Z
S	M	T	C	A	C	D	A	I
T	O	Z	I	O	I	K	E	X
E	M	T	A	E	V	L	G	P
R	W	L	V	A	M	E	I	V
Y	K	A	P	M	R	Z	R	E
F	L	E	C	A	L	A	P	Y

# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary - Answers

1. palace
2. mystery
3. discovery
4. archaeologist
5. medieval
6. town hall

## Reading Activities

### A: Reading for Overall Understanding - Answers

The best answer is **c**. (The other ideas all contain details, but not the main point of the article.)

### B: Reading for Detail - Answers

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. a

### C: Questions - Answers

1. a new town hall
2. no
3. A noble French family who ruled Cyprus.
4. three
5. no
6. yes
7. bits of pottery and wall paintings
8. Answers will vary.

### D: Sequencing - Answers

- 1 The Lusigans build the first palace in 1211.
- 2 The first palace was destroyed in 1373.
- 3 Archaeologists didn't know where the first palace was built.
- 4 Workers found the 800 year old palace while building a new Town Hall.

## Post-Reading Activities

### A: Language - Suggested Answers

1. for days
2. for weeks
3. for years
4. for decades
5. for centuries

### C: Word Find - Notes

You may like to give students this list of words to find or tell them to use the article to help them: **palace, mystery, discovery, medieval, townhall, family**

### C: Word Find - Answers

