Read and discover

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Read the original text. Answer all questions using the information given. Write short answers unless a question asks for more.
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The local museum received a photograph showing a crowded railway platform. On the back, somebody had written "summer visit", but there was no year or place name. A volunteer recognised the shape of a clock and suggested a particular station and an approximate date. Another noticed that the uniforms did not match the proposed date. The museum displayed the photograph with a request for information rather than printing a confident label. Several residents supplied memories, but these were recorded as recollections until other evidence could be found. The curator explained that admitting uncertainty did not make the museum less useful. It showed visitors how historical knowledge was investigated and why a clear-looking answer could still be wrong.
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Try it yourself

1. What information was written on the photograph?

2. What did the first volunteer recognise?

3. What challenged the proposed date?

4. How did the museum display the photograph?

5. Why were residents' accounts called recollections?

6. Explain the curator's view of uncertainty.

Build better sentences

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Understand the idea

Read the whole sentence. Check who or what it is about, the time, and how the words fit together.
Example: She plays every day. Yesterday she played.
Complete each activity. Check meaning, grammar, spelling and punctuation. Say your corrected sentences aloud.
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Try it yourself

1. Change to reported speech: "The date is uncertain," the curator said.

2. Use whose: A volunteer recognised the station. Her grandfather worked there.

3. Correct: There is several possible dates.

4. Choose a formal synonym for guess.

5. Use unless: We find evidence. We should not print an exact year.

6. Change to passive: Residents supplied memories.

7. Complete: The label should distinguish evidence ___ opinion.

8. Rewrite cautiously: The photograph definitely shows this station.