

Historical bridge discovered from the *Mona Lisa*

A2+/B1 Grammar gap-fill cloze: articles after prepositions

For each answer, use one of the four following: *a*, *an*, *the*, or the *zero article*.

The *Mona Lisa* has one less mystery today thanks to 1._____ Italian art expert. The bridge in 2._____ background of 3._____ painting has been located in 4._____ real life. The expert, Silvano Vinceti, has matched it to the remaining part of 5._____ bridge in the countryside of 6._____ Tuscany, Italy. His theory may end an academic argument that has been going on for 7._____ years.

At 8._____ press meeting in 9._____ Rome, Vinceti announced his conclusions. The expert has made historical analysis of the famous portrait his main work throughout 10._____ life. The bridge in 11._____ painting, just over 12._____ shoulder of the woman, has four gaps in it. Vinceti measured the surviving single gap in 13._____ real bridge, the Romito, and found that four similar gaps would fit perfectly across 14._____ river Arno.

Through 15._____ research, Vinceti determined that the bridge did have a function once. The *Mona Lisa* was painted between 16._____ 1503 and 1519. Da Vinci would have used the bridge to visit his uncle in the town of 17._____ Laterina at that time, Vinceti claims. The current mayor of Laterina says there is a lot of 18._____ excitement over 19._____ expert's suggestion. She says there is a lot of 20._____ interest the town now and the town is certain to protect the monument.

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Answers

1. an
2. the
3. the
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5. a
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7. –
8. a
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10. –
11. the
12. the
13. the
14. the
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18. –
19. the
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