

## Historical bridge discovered from the *Mona Lisa*

### A2+/B1 Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

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

At a press meeting in Rome, Vinceti announced his 4. \_\_\_\_\_. The expert has made 5. \_\_\_\_\_ analysis of the famous 6. \_\_\_\_\_ his main work throughout life. The bridge in the painting, just over the shoulder of the woman, has four gaps in it. Vinceti measured the 7. \_\_\_\_\_ single gap in the real bridge, the Romito, and found that four similar gaps would fit perfectly across the river Arno.

Through research, Vinceti determined that the bridge did have a 8. \_\_\_\_\_ once. The *Mona Lisa* was painted between 1503 and 1519. Da Vinci would have used the bridge to visit his uncle in the town of Laterina at that time, Vinceti claims. The current mayor of Laterina says there is a lot of 9. \_\_\_\_\_ over the expert's suggestion. She says there is a lot of interest the town now and the town is certain to 10. \_\_\_\_\_ the monument.

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| 1. A. mystery   | B. conclusion | C. fact       | D. strange     |
| 2. A. represent | B. front      | C. background | D. colours     |
| 3. A. bone      | B. stone      | C. remaining  | D. remade      |
| 4. A. conclude  | B. services   | C. service    | D. conclusions |
| 5. A. history   | B. historical | C. require    | D. required    |
| 6. A. portrait  | B. poster     | C. perfect    | D. project     |
| 7. A. survive   | B. survives   | C. survived   | D. surviving   |
| 8. A. function  | B. theory     | C. business   | D. reporter    |
| 9. A. sadness   | B. excitement | C. stress     | D. doubt       |
| 10. A. protect  | B. locate     | C. identify   | D. compare     |

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#### Answers

- 1A    mystery
- 2C    background
- 3C    remaining
- 4D    conclusions
- 5B    historical
- 6A    portrait
- 7D    surviving
- 8A    function
- 9B    excitement
- 10A   protect

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