

**While you listen**

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

**Comprehension Task 1: Choose the best title for the video.**

- a) Stonehenge: A Scientific Study
- b) Stonehenge: A Brief History
- c) Stonehenge: Solving the Puzzle

**Comprehension Task 2: Listening for specific information. Complete these notes with the words that you heard in the video. Use one word or a number in each space.**
**Stonehenge**

*Description:* prehistoric (1) \_\_\_\_\_ monument

*Age:* (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and a half thousand years, from the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ period

*Origins:* still a (4) \_\_\_\_\_

*Use:* probably a (5) \_\_\_\_\_

*Recent research:* (6) \_\_\_\_\_ survey of stones, revealing:

- how stones were (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- how stones were set up
- carvings and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on stones

*Myths:* stones brought from (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by Merlin. Element of truth - some stones do actually come from (10) \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Task 1: Put the words in order to make sentences from the video.**

1. magnificent / Canterbury / cathedrals / boast / architecture / and Exeter
2. further / historic / dates / Some / treasure / back even
3. remain a / thousands of years / its / Dating / origins still / mystery / back
4. famous sites / This / circle of stones / out as / Britain's most / giant / stands / one of
5. used as / kind of temple / We / was / probably / some / think it
6. long /amazing / survived from / It's / that it's / ago / so

**Language Task 2 - Choose the words that can go in the gap. There are always three right answers.**

1. Stonehenge dates back thousands of years, but its \_\_\_\_\_ still remain(s) a mystery.
  - a) beginnings
  - b) birth
  - c) origins
  - d) roots
  - e) source
  - f) conception
2. Stonehenge is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ monument in the world.
  - a) one-of-a-kind
  - b) individual
  - c) single
  - d) singular
  - e) solitary
  - f) unique
3. Scientists are \_\_\_\_\_ research at Stonehenge.
  - a) carrying out
  - b) conducting
  - c) doing
  - d) making

- e) practising
4. Scientists have discovered lots of new details about how the stones were \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) erected  
b) heightened  
c) founded  
d) raised  
e) risen  
f) set up
5. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ myth about the circle.
- a) famous  
b) known  
c) prevalent  
d) recognized  
e) well-known
6. There's an interesting \_\_\_\_\_ about Merlin the wizard bringing stones from Ireland.
- a) fiction  
b) history  
c) legend  
d) myth  
e) tale
7. The myth was popular in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Medieval times  
b) Medieval dates  
c) the Medieval day  
d) the Medieval era  
e) Medieval life  
f) the Medieval period
8. There's a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of truth underneath the myth.
- a) element  
b) factor  
c) germ  
d) grain  
e) moment

**Comprehension Task 1:** c; **Comprehension Task 2:** 1. stone; 2. four; 3. Neolithic; 4. mystery; 5. temple; 6. laser; 7. carved; 8. graffiti; 9. Ireland; 10. Wales/the west

**Language Task 1:** 1. Canterbury and Exeter cathedrals boast magnificent architecture; 2. Some historic treasure dates back even further; 3. Dating back thousands of years, its origins still remain a mystery; 4. This giant circle of stones stands out as one of Britain's most famous sites; 5. We think it was probably used as some kind of temple; 6. It's amazing that it's survived from so long ago.

**Language Task 2:** 1. a, c, d; 2. a, d, f; 3. a, b, c; 4. a, d, f; 5. a, c, e; 6. c, d, e; 7. a, d, f; 8. a, c, d;