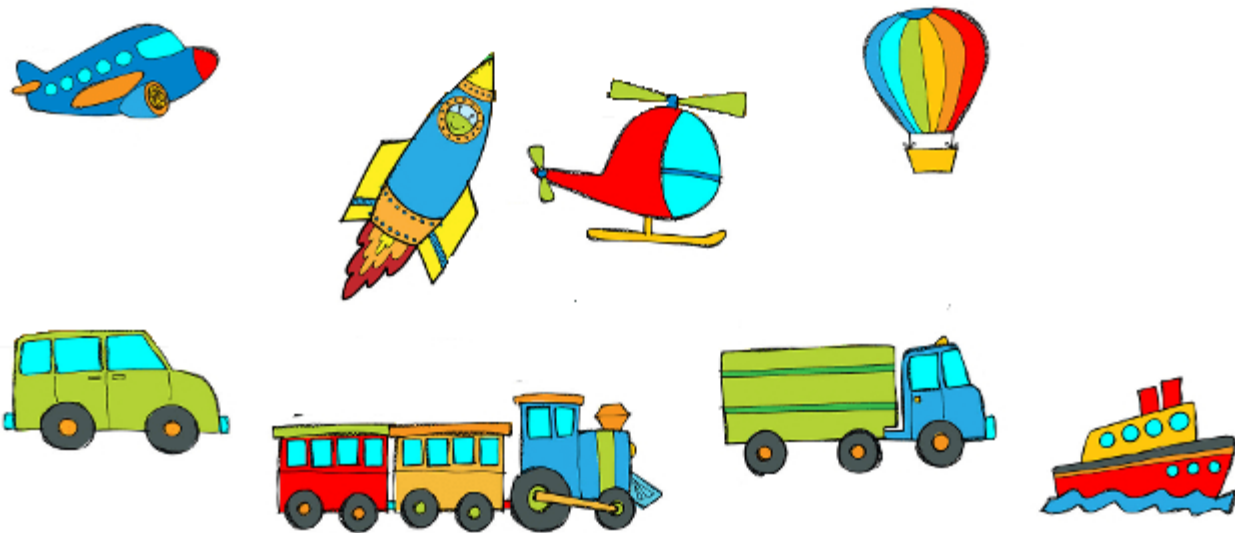


WORKSHEET - FACT AND OPINION 2

Read the passage below then answer the following questions.

Human beings are always trying to invent items that would make their work easier and at the same time, improve the quality of their lives. **Hundreds of years ago** man was only aware of what existed within his own country. His travel was mainly on land moving from one place to another on foot or riding on the back of animals. Sea and air travel were almost non-existent or in the very stages of development. Today, travelling has advanced tremendously due to the availability of different modes of transportation.



On land, man can travel using a bicycle, car, truck or van. Each of these different vehicles have various models to choose from. Ships and boats provide transportation via sea. At present, there are luxury yachts and even cruise ships which can carry thousands of people. There are also cargo vessels which are used to transport bulky goods and items such as trucks, cars and heavy equipment across the ocean. The most **amazing** form of transportation is air transportation. In less than a day, a person can leave one country and arrive in another country anywhere in the world.

At present, scientists are exploring other planets. Man has already landed on the moon and they are even sending rockets to Mars. Many folks have even predicted that soon people would go on tours to the moon using rockets, as we use taxis. Man has proved his inventiveness and it is **very likely** that this prediction could become a reality.

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1. According to the passage, give two reasons why man is motivated to invent things. Select two answers.

- to invent items that would make their work easier
- to travel far and wide.
- to see new place and new people
- to improve the quality of their lives.
- to carry bulky things from one country to another
- to land on the moon
- to know more about their own country

2. What do you think the phrase, “*hundred of years ago*” suggest?

- It means that the author does not know the exact time, but he knows it is more than a hundred years.
- It means exactly 100 hundred years ago, the author just wanted to exaggerate.
- It means that the author wanted to confuse the readers by not being precise in his details.

3. According to the passage, why was man only aware of what existed in his own country?

- There were no modes of transportation.
- He did not want to travel beyond where he lived.
- He could only travel by foot or riding on the back of animals on the land he lived.
- The earth was considered flat.

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4. What is the main idea of the paragraph three?

- Man will eventually travel to other planets.
- Scientists are beginning to explore other planets.
- Man has already landed on the moon and sending rockets to Mars.
- Soon people would go on tours to the moon using rockets, as we use taxis.

5. Which of the following lines from the passage suggests that the vehicles used on land come in different designs?

- His travel was mainly on land moving from one place to another on foot or riding.
- Today, travelling has advanced tremendously due to the availability of different modes of transportation.
- On land, man can travel using a bicycle, car, truck or van.
- Each of these different vehicles have various models to choose from.

6. How does a cargo vessel differ from a cruise ship?

- Cargo vessels are bigger than cruise ships.
- Cargo vessels carry bulky items, while cruise ships carry thousands of people.
- Cargo vessels are used by business people, while cruise ships are for people who want to visit ports.
- Cargo vessels are vessels and Cruise ships are ships.

7. Why do you think the writer describes air transport as amazing?

- Man can finally fly in the sky.
- Compared to other modes, man can reach another country faster, in less than a day.
- Man can get closer to the moon now.
- The planes are amazing to look at.

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8. The writer's use of the phrase "very likely" suggests that:

- He has a lot of confidence in man's inventiveness.
- He is most certain that man will land on Mars soon.
- He is not sure, but he has faith that man will get on Mars.

9. What is a good title for this passage?

- Humans Are Inventive
- Modes of Transportation
- Exploring the World
- Traveling Throughout the Years