Reading

Example: Ahmed bin Majid's family sailed on the Indian Ocean.

(True)   False

1 Ahmed bin Majid started sailing when he was 18.

True   (False)

2 Ahmed bin Majid studied science, math, and art.

True   False

3 It was easy to get ships from place to place.

True   False

4 Ahmed bin Majid created a better compass.

True   False

5 Ahmed bin Majid created maps and books that helped sailors.

True   False

Example: What film does Amir want to see?

_____Scary Night_____

6 What kind of film is Crazy Day?

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7 Why does Mahmoud need to be home by 6:00pm?

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8 Which film was made in the UAE?

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9 How did Hassan describe the story?

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10 What time will they see the film?

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Part 1

Read the text then answer the questions. Decide if each statement is True or False. There is one example.

A Famous Arab Explorer

Ahmed bin Majid was a famous Arab explorer. He was born in Ras Al Khaimah in the 1400s. His family were sailors and traders. They travelled on the Indian Ocean to sell their goods in East Africa, India, and Indonesia. Ahmed bin Majid started sailing when he was 17 years old. He studied science, maths, and literature in school. He was very smart. He wrote more than 40 books about sailing. He was very good at getting ships from place to place. This used to be very difficult because people didn't have computers or mobile phones. People used to use maps and compasses, and they looked at the stars. You had to look at these things to know where you were, the best route, and how far you had travelled. Ahmed bin Majid created many great maps, and he even improved compasses. In his books, he also wrote about weather, the way the ocean moves, and which areas are dangerous to sail in. His books and maps were so good that sailors used them for hundreds of years.

Part 2

Read the email and then answer the questions. Write no more than TWO words for each question.

To: Amir
From: Mahmoud
RE: Cinema

Hi Amir!

Thanks for inviting me to the cinema this weekend. I haven't seen any new films for a long time. There are a lot of good films playing now. I know you want to see Scary Night, but it looks terrifying! And my parents don't want me to watch horror films. I think Crazy Day looks hilarious, but the show is too late for me. I need to be home for dinner by 6pm. We could see Star Trip. The reviews for Star Trip are really good, and it was filmed here in the UAE! Hassan says that the plot is exciting and the main character is smart. It's interesting to see how he solves problems. There are three showings, 11:45am, 13:30pm, and 15:45pm, but I prefer the second one. Let's meet an hour before the film starts so that we have time to buy tickets and popcorn. Then we can play video games until the film starts.

See you soon!
Mahmoud