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EXTENSION

Name:

1 The words below appear in the text in Exercise 2. Find the words and guess their meanings. Use a dictionary to check your guesses.

- 1. findings
- 2. scans
- 3. resting place

2 Read the text and tick (✓) the sentences T (true) or F (False). Then correct the false sentences.

Richard III

The story of Richard III is like the plot of a blockbuster film. In 1482, Richard’s brother, Edward IV, died mysteriously. Even more mysteriously, Edward’s two heirs, his sons, suddenly disappeared and consequently, Richard, their uncle, came to the throne. Many people think Richard was responsible for their deaths.

After his death, historians began to investigate another mystery – the location of Richard’s body. Richard was killed in a battle for the throne in 1485. The new king, who hated Richard didn’t give him a royal funeral. In fact, according to one story, Richard’s body was thrown into a river. However, some historians had a theory about the place where they might find his body. It was somewhere where you wouldn’t expect to find a king’s body – in a car park!

In 2012, historians and archeologists started to look for Richard’s body in the car park in the city of Leicester. Luckily, it was only about 70 cm under the ground. Then, they had to prove it belonged to Richard. A team of experts in archeology, engineering, forensics, genetics, geology, history and medicine worked together to find the answer. After some time, they arrived at their conclusion – it was Richard III’s body.

Their research produced various findings. First of all, his death was quick and violent. His teeth showed that he ate well, although he also had some health problems. In addition, they used the latest technology and CT scans to reconstruct his head. Now, we have a good idea of what Richard III really looked like.

The final problem was what to do with the body. Richard was Duke of York before he became king, so many people thought his last resting place should be in York. Others preferred Leicester Cathedral. Some people saw Richard as a murderer and were against having a special funeral, especially because it cost over £2 million. In the end, thousands stood in the streets of Leicester as his body was taken to Leicester Cathedral. More than 500 years after his death, Richard finally had a king’s funeral.

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| 1. After King Edward IV’s death, his brother Richard was his immediate heir. | | |
| 2. For hundreds of years, no one knew for sure where to find Richard’s body. | | |
| 3. Richard’s body was found in a river. | | |
| 4. Richard had problems with his teeth. | | |
| 5. Everyone agreed that Richard deserved a king’s funeral. | | |

3 Complete the sentences.

1. King Edward IV was the king whose
2. Many people think Richard was the person who
3. There were many experts who
4. Leicester Cathedral is the place where
5. Richard had a funeral which

4 Imagine you are a reporter about to interview some of the experts who helped to identify Richard's body. Write five questions to ask them.