

## Back to where they belong

### Example Q0 / All of the items being returned are similar objects.

The second sentence of paragraph 1 tells us that there are 15 items in this collection. It goes on to say that these items are made from different materials: some are “*bronze*” and some “*pottery*”. It also tells us that the items serve different purposes: some are “*ornaments*” and some are “*tools*”.

Therefore the statement in example 0 is **false (F)**. We know this from the sentence which begins with the words **The collection, comprising 15...**

### Q1 / All the items were found by the Institute at the same time.

In sentence 3 of paragraph 1 we are told that the Institute did an audit ..... “*last year*” and that during that audit the Ban Chiang collection was rediscovered. However sentence 4 tells us that the Institute “*initially found 13 items*” and we already know that there are 15 items. The next sentence tells us that the other two items “*were located only a few weeks ago*”.

Therefore the statement in Q1 is **false (F)**. There are two possible answers. The first is the sentence which begins with the words “**It initially found 13**” and the second with the words “**Two more items, including...**”

### Q2 / The Institute is returning the items because it is the right thing to do.

In the first sentence of paragraph 2 we are told that University College London’s decision to “*return ..... the collection ..... was made for ethical reasons*”. Doing something for “*ethical reasons*” means the same as saying “*it is the right thing to do*”.

Therefore the statement in Q2 is **true (T)** and the first four words of the sentence are “**The return of the collection...**”

### Q3 / Thailand will pay for transporting the items back to Thailand.

In the final sentence of paragraph 2 we are told that the “*collection is to be shipped to Thailand soon*” and that UCL is “*shouldering the cost*”. To “*shoulder the costs*” means the same as to cover the costs.

Therefore the statement in Q3 is **false (F)**. The sentence justifying this begins “**And it is to...**”

**Q4 / The finding of Ban Chiang is significant for archeologists.**

At the beginning of paragraph 3 we are told that Ban Chiang is “*the most important prehistoric settlement in Southeast Asia thus far...*” “*Thus far*” means the same as *until now*. As “*the most important*” it must therefore be “*significant for archaeologists*”.

Therefore the statement in Q4 is **true (T)**. There are two possible justifications. The first is the sentence which begins with the words “**Ban Chiang is considered...**” The second is the sentence which begins “**UNESCO placed it on...**”

**Q5 / A member of the British Embassy wanted to sell the items for a profit.**

Paragraph 4 explains how the collection was bought by a “*Vientiane-based British diplomat*” but goes on to say that he “*bought the antiquities*”, in other words the collection, “*for his own interest*” and not as “*an investment or sale*”.

Therefore the statement in Q5 is **false (F)**. The sentence justifying this begins “**The diplomat bought the...**”

**Q6 / The diplomat gave all the items he had to the archaeologist.**

Paragraph 4 also tells us that after learning from Prof Glover that it was “*probably illegal and certainly unethical to buy and export such materials*”, the diplomat decided to give his collection to the Institute of Archeology. However, the items he gave the Institute were only “*a very small part of a much bigger collection the diplomat had at that time*”.

Therefore the statement in Q6 is **false (F)**. The sentence justifying this begins “**The donated lot is...**”

**Q7 / Thailand already has many items similar to those being returned.**

In paragraph 5 we are told that Thailand “*has plenty of larger and more representative yet still unprovenanced antiquities in both national and other local and private museums*”. “*Plenty*” is similar in meaning to “*many*”. “*Antiquities*” are objects from a very long time ago.

Therefore the statement in Q7 is **true (T)**. The sentence justifying this begins “**Prof. Glover said this...**”

**Q8 / It is not important how many items are given back.**

In a quote from Pisit Charoenwongse, the director of a Thai institute called SEAMEO SPAFA, "*the number of the returned artifacts does not count in this matter*". "*Does not count*" means the same as "*is not important*".

Therefore the statement in Q8 is **true (T)**. The sentence justifying this begins **Pisit, a UCL graduate...**

