

## Pearls: reading tasks



1 Can you solve the following anagrams? What do the four things all have in common?

- a r a p e l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- b r e b a m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- c r o a c l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- d r l y o v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

2 Which of the following sentences are correct about the reading?

- a Tina's father bought her fake pearl earrings because the real ones were too expensive and it's impossible to tell the difference anyway.
- b Tina's father bought her cultured pearl earrings which her mother thought could be fake.
- c Tina's father bought her fake pearl earrings which her mother thought were real.

3 Now answer the eight questions from the first paragraph.

- a \_\_\_\_\_
- b \_\_\_\_\_
- c \_\_\_\_\_
- d \_\_\_\_\_
- e \_\_\_\_\_
- f \_\_\_\_\_
- g \_\_\_\_\_
- h \_\_\_\_\_

4 Which is the correct definition of the following words *as used in this text*?

- a cultured (paragraphs 1,3 and 4)
  - 1. well educated
  - 2. grown for medical or scientific study
  - 3. grown artificially
- b organic (paragraph 2)
  - 1. produced without artificial chemicals
  - 2. produced by living things
  - 3. connected with the organs of the body

- c minute (paragraph 2)
1. extremely small
  2. very detailed, careful and thorough
  3. sixty seconds
- d penetrate (paragraph 2)
1. to see a way into or through sth
  2. to succeed in entering or joining an organization, a group, etc. especially when this is difficult to do
  3. to go into or through sth
- e isolate (paragraph 2)
1. to separate sb/sth physically or socially from other people or things
  2. to separate a part of a situation, problem, idea, etc. so that you can see what it is and deal with it separately
  3. to separate a single substance, cell, etc. from others so that you can study it
- f irritant (paragraphs 2 and 3)
1. a substance that makes part of your body sore
  2. something that makes you annoyed or causes trouble
- g cultivate (paragraph 3)
1. to prepare and use land for growing plants or crops
  2. to try to get sb's friendship or support
  3. to grow plants or crops
- h imitation (paragraphs 4 and 6)
1. an act of copying the way sb talks and behaves, especially to make people laugh
  2. made to look like something that is more valuable or expensive
  3. the act of copying sb/sth
- i impart (paragraph 6)
1. to pass information, knowledge, etc. to other people
  2. to give a particular quality to sth
- 5 First tick (✓) the form of the word and then complete the other word forms. There is an example done for you.

	noun	verb	adjective	adverb
cultured	<i>culture</i>	<i>to culture</i>	✓	<i>culturally</i>
organic		/		
minute		/		/
penetrate				/
isolate				/
irritant				
cultivate				/
imitation				/