

Reading.

Read the text and answer the questions.

The words that appear in *italics* are translated in the glossary below, but try to do the exercise *before* you use it.

Visit Angkor Wat

Siem Reap is a small town near the world famous temple of Angkor Wat. The town is charming and worth exploring, with some fine examples of Khmer and French colonial architecture set among the more modern developments. Nowadays, visitors are *flocking in*, using it as a base for visits to the nearby temples.

A Carved City

From the 9th to the 14th centuries, when Europe was still *struggling* out of the Dark Ages, the Cambodian Empire of Angkor covered most of present-day Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. The heart of this empire during the 12th century was the ancient capital of Angkor Thom, near present day Siem Reap, the site of the world's largest temple complexes, which were rediscovered in 1861. This spectacular city was built over 30 years under the reign of King Suryavarman II (1113-1150). The area covers about 400 square kilometres and is full of the finest examples of Khmer art and architecture. Tourists are always *amazed* at the scale of the place.

In Angkor Wat you will find more than 100 stone monuments and temple buildings, each of which contains *countless* statues, sculptures and reliefs that have *weathered* extremely little over the last 800 years. To see the whole thing can take several days. The most important temples to visit in the area are Angkor Wat, especially at *sunrise* or *sunset*; Angkor Thom, the *remains* of the capital; Ta Prohm, a palace *overgrown* by jungle; and Bayon.

Getting a visa

Visas are required to enter Cambodia. You can obtain one on arrival at Siem Reap International Airport for \$20, and 1 passport photo is required per person. You will also need another passport photo for the Angkor Temple Entrance Pass. Please ensure you take comfortable walking shoes, light clothing and plenty of water to drink as it is very hot there. The most commonly accepted currency in Cambodia is the US dollar.

Q1 - Most people visit Siem Reap because of the temples in the area.

☐ True ☐ False

Q2 - In the 9th to the 14th centuries, Europe was more advanced than Cambodia.

☐ True ☐ False

Q3 - Angkor Wat was the capital of the Cambodian empire.

☐ True ☐ False

Q4 - It took many decades to build the capital.

☐ True ☐ False

Q5 - The stonework of Angkor Wat is in poor condition today.

☐ True ☐ False

Q6 - It'll take a couple of days to see everything.

☐ True ☐ False

Q7 - Dawn and dusk are particularly good times to visit Angkor Wat.

☐ True ☐ False

Q8 - You must get a visa before flying to Siem Reap.

☐ True ☐ False

Q9 - You will need a couple of passport photos.

☐ True ☐ False

Q10 - The US dollar is widely accepted in Cambodia.

☐ True ☐ False

Glossary:

To flock in:	entrar en masa
To struggle:	luchar, pelear
Amazed:	impresionado
Countless:	innumerable
To weather:	soportar
Sunrise:	amanecer
Sunset:	atardecer
Remains:	restos
Overgrown:	cubierto de vegetación