

## Reading for Specific Information

### The Tower of Babel

A. Read the story about the Tower of Babel in **Genesis 11:1-9**.

B. Below is a **multiple choice** quiz. With multiple choice questions there are usually three types of answer to choose from: i) answers which are **correct**, ii) answers which are **plausible** – they seem possible, but are incorrect, and iii) answers which are plainly wrong, because either they do not make sense or they are **impossible**.

Discuss the answers below with a partner or small group, and mark each option: (C) for **correct**, (P) for **plausible**, or (I) for **impossible**.

Ex. The people built the city on a... a) hill (P), b) bridge (I), c) plain (C).

1. Their aim was to build a city and a great... a) cathedral, b) temple, c) tower.
2. Their plan was for the tower to reach up to... a) the sky, b) more than 500 metres, c) the ceiling.
3. In those days everybody spoke the same... a) words, b) tales, c) language.
4. The people said to one another, 'Come, let's make...' a) stones, b) bricks, c) pizza.
5. The people wanted to make a name for... a) himself, b) themselves, c) the Lord.
6. The people feared having to populate the whole... a) region, b) earth, c) city.
7. God came down to see... a) the river, b) the completed tower, c) the city and the tower.
8. God declared that if the people were able to cooperate so efficiently with one language... a) they would be glad, b) they would learn English, c) anything would be possible.
9. God decided to give the people many different... a) blessings, b) languages, c) clothes.
10. The people were not able to continue... a) building the city, b) praising God, c) having lunch.
11. They built with brick instead of... a) plastic, b) stone, c) rock.
12. The city and tower remained... a) uninhabited, b) unfinished, c) unavailable.
13. The place was named Babel, because this word sounded like the Hebrew word for... a) 'completed' b) 'confused' c) 'tower'.
14. At the beginning of the story, the people decided to travel... a) west, b) up, c) east.
15. God was angry because the people were acting out of fear and... a) anxiety, b) fun, c) pride.
16. The people wanted to become like God, and in doing so to... a) replace Him, b) be near Him, c) earn money.
17. The people aimed to stay together... a) at all costs, b) for the next few years, c) until something better came along.
18. They used tar for... a) mortar, b) making shampoo, c) fuel.
19. The people found a plain in the land of... a) Shinar, b) Israel, c) Esdraelon.
20. The story concerns the descendants of... a) Moses, b) Paul, c) Noah.