

THEME 7 FACTS ABOUT TURKEY READING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Read the guide and choose the correct option.

Türkiye is the cradle of many civilisations. No matter which region you visit, there are numerous historical landmarks to be discovered. We have prepared a guide describing some historical sites you can visit from the west to the east of the country. The Acropolis of Pergamon is located in Bergama, İzmir. The city was famous for its excellent city planning. Social structures

and public buildings were all built on the hill slopes. Because of its strategic location, the city maintained its historical importance for centuries. The remains of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires can also be seen on the site today.

The Archaeological Site of Troy, which dates back to 3,000 BC, is located in the north-west of Anatolia. For centuries, people believed it was just a mythical location because of Homer's The Epic of Iliad. However, nine different city layers were discovered on the site, and Troy was proved to be an important settlement for different civilisations.

Van is a beautiful city that is located on the eastern shore of Lake Van. The human settlements there date back to 5,000 BC.

Tilkitepe Mound is the primary source of information about Van's oldest culture. There are four islands in Lake Van, and Akdamar Island is the second largest one. You can enjoy a boat ride to the island to see the breathtaking ruins.

Cappadocia is not only the name of a site, it is also a region that includes cities like Nevşehir, Kayseri, Aksaray, Kırşehir, Sivas and Niğde. The natural wonders known as fairy chimneys may be the reason for the area's popularity, but this amazing location goes beyond that. Derinkuyu and Kaymaklı Underground Cities, Göreme Open-Air Museum and the rock castles of Ortahisar and Uçhisar are the symbols of Cappadocia.

1. Troy was proved to be a **fictional/real** place.
2. Pergamon was home to **more than one/only one** civilisation.
3. Cappadocia is the name of a **region/city** in Central Anatolia.
4. The early settlements in Van go back to a **recent/distant** past.

B. Read the guide again and answer the questions.

1. What evidence showed that Troy was the cradle of different civilisations?
2. What made the architecture of Pergamon so unique?
3. Why was Pergamon an important place for such a long time in history?
4. Which Cappadocia attractions show the region's historical importance?
5. What is the importance of Tilkitepe Mound?

C. Read the blog post by Nancy and underline the activities that can be done in Bozcaada.

THE BEST PLACE I'VE EVER VISITED

I'm having a fantastic holiday in Bozcaada, Türkiye. It is a place of magic, and I feel as if I'm in heaven. I'm staying at a small seaside hotel. It's not very luxurious, but the rooms are clean and the restaurant serves a variety of seafood. Everything tastes great because it's made with fresh vegetables and olive oil.

Yesterday, I rented a bike and went to discover the hidden places in Bozcaada. Actually, I like driving, but it was a real pleasure to feel the wind in my hair. There were too many hills to pedal up, but I really enjoyed the wonderful view on my way.

Some of the most well-known beaches in Bozcaada are Ayazma, Mitos and Tuzburnu. Since it's September, I've decided to skip swimming and explore the island's history instead. Tomorrow, I'm planning to visit the historical sites that represent Ottoman architecture and climb up to Bozcaada Castle to take some photos. I'll also watch the sunset at Polente Feneri, a

lighthouse on the west side of the island. When it comes to shopping, the harbour's local shops are an excellent choice. I've already bought some jars of delicious tomato jam as a souvenir. These small shops sell handmade jewellery and various spices, so you won't have to worry about what to buy before you leave this peaceful island.

D. Read the blog post again and answer the questions.

1. Where is she?
2. How does she feel?
3. What has she done so far?
4. What are her plans for tomorrow?