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The Sun and the Earth

Pre-Reading

What can you see from the picture?
Look at the picture and write the answers.

1. Do you know who this man is?  
   a. yes    b. no
2. The man is looking at the_____.  
   a. ground    b. sky

New Words

- **natural**: not strange but understandable
- **Venus**: the second planet from the Sun
- **conclude**: decide that something is true
- **crazy**: not thinking straight
- **liar**: a person who tells lies
- **truth**: something that is true and not made up
For hundreds of years, people thought that the Sun moved around the Earth. This was only natural because when we see the Sun rise in the morning and set in the evening, we can only think that the Sun is moving around us.

But one man did not agree with this idea. He said that if the Sun is moving around the Earth, we cannot explain the movements of Venus. This man finally concluded that the Sun does not move around the Earth, but the Earth moves around the Sun. This man’s name is Copernicus.

At first, people thought Copernicus was crazy. They said he was a liar and that he must be killed. And so, Copernicus was burned to death for saying that the Earth moved around the Sun. Later, though, people learned that Copernicus was in fact telling the truth.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 7) refers to _________________.

2. The word "They" (line 13) refers to ____________. 
Understanding the Main Idea

Circle the best answer.

1. The main idea of this passage is that ________________
   ________________.
   a. people thought the Sun moved around the Earth
   b. Copernicus said the Earth moves around the Sun
   c. Copernicus was burned to death

2. The best title for this passage would be ________________.
   a. Copernicus and Venus
   b. Copernicus and Crazy People
   c. Copernicus’ New Idea

Understanding Details

Circle the best answer.

1. For hundreds of years, people thought ________________
   ________________.
   a. the Sun moved around the Earth
   b. the Earth moved around Venus
   c. the Sun moved around Copernicus

2. If the Sun moves around the Earth, we cannot explain the
   movements of __________.
   a. Copernicus  b. Venus  c. the evening

3. Copernicus was later ________________.
   a. given money  b. telling many lies  c. burned to death
Vocabulary Practice

Fill in each blank with one of the words in the list below.

1. John’s mother yelled at him for not telling the ________.
2. Many people thought that Copernicus was ________.
3. It was ________ for them to think that the Sun moved around the Earth.
4. Copernicus later _____________ that the Earth moves around the Sun.
5. A person who tells lies all the time is called a ________.

natural  concluded  crazy  liar  truth

New Phrases

☐ agree with : to think the same way
   I don’t think Phillip agrees with my ideas.
   Carol told me that she doesn’t agree with what the teacher just said.
   I didn’t agree with opinion of the movie.

☐ to death : to cause a person to die
   The police shot the man to death.
   The poor dog was almost beaten to death by its owner.
   I am starving to death. Let’s get something to eat.
Long ago, people thought that the ______ ______ ______ the Earth.

But _____ _____ ______ that the Earth moved around the Sun. ______ _____ ____ Copernicus.

At first, ______ ______ ______ Copernicus was crazy.

But later they learned that he was ______ _____ ______.
For _______ ___ ______, _______ _______ the Sun moved around the Earth.

But Copernicus thought that ___ ______ moved _______ ____ _______.

People thought ___ _____ _______.

Copernicus ___ _______ __ _______.

Later, people _______ that he ___ ______ ___ _______.

Homework - Writing Practice

Write a short paragraph about what you would have said to defend Copernicus.

Use the following questions as a guide.

Do you believe Copernicus is telling the truth?
How can you prove that he is not a liar?
Are there any other examples that people mistakenly believed before? (such as “the earth is flat”)
What do you think the people should do about Copernicus?