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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



Reading Track 1



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.



Making a Summary

This is a summary of the passage.

Fill in the blanks with the right words.



people thought that his name was Sun moved around
telling the truth one man concluded

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 _____.



Listening Practice Track 2

Listen to each sentence and fill in the blanks.

1. For _____, _____ the Sun moved around the Earth.
2. But Copernicus thought that _____ moved _____.
3. People thought _____.
4. Copernicus _____.
5. 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?
