

Reading Part 3

Read the four texts. Which text gives you the answer to each question? Choose the correct text (A-D) for each question.

A

Hi, Sam. I'm sitting in my garden writing this, looking up the valley towards Boscastle which, some years ago, looked as if it could never recover from the terrible floods. But that's history now. We have all moved on and, if anything, it's brought the people together, creating an even better atmosphere. The village looks beautiful at this time of year. Why not come and see for yourself? I've got plenty of room – in fact I've got a guest room with its own shower – so do think about it.

B

Boscastle is a medieval harbour and village hidden in a steep-sided valley. This natural harbour on the North Cornwall coastline was created by the meeting of three rivers. Boscastle is an excellent base for touring the area, including moorlands, sheltered wooden valleys and coastal footpaths offering magnificent views. The visitor can explore the beautiful surrounding area with its ancient woods, the old village of Boscastle with cottages dating back to the 15th century, the site of the Norman Castle and the medieval farming system which is still in operation.

C

After suffering from flooding in 2004, Boscastle has been largely rebuilt. First, the main car park was moved away from the river edge. This improved the river itself and the well-being of the wildlife it supports. A major project was then reconnecting the east and west banks by the harbour with a new foot and vehicle bridge. Considering the picturesque setting, a number of options were considered and tested. The favoured bridge design, now complete, appears on postcards of Boscastle and has been recognised for the quality of its design.

D

Come to Boscastle and walk in the ancient footsteps of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. You can also retrace the novelist Thomas Hardy's footsteps. He fell in love with Boscastle when working as an architect on the renovation of the church. Here he also fell in love with and married Emma. Although it wasn't a successful marriage, this didn't put Hardy off Boscastle. When he returned to his parents' home he wrote some sad and moving poetry in which he described the area.

Which text:

1. would appeal to lovers of literature?
2. describes different parts of a process?
3. tells how a closer community was formed?

Which text provides the answers to the following questions?

4. What is a highly regarded piece of modern architecture?
5. What has naturally formed the harbour?
6. What romantic association does Boscastle have?
7. What ancient traditional method is still used?
