Reading skills: **The history of zombies**

Preparation

Total score is 8 out of 8 (100%)

Zombies

* Correct. They eat human flesh.
* Correct. You can kill them by cutting off the head or destroying the brain.
* Correct. Their brains don't work properly and their bodies are decomposing.

Werewolves

* Correct. They change from human to beast when there is a full moon.
* Correct. They are hairy, with sharp teeth and long claws.

Vampires

* Correct. They sleep in coffins.
* Correct. They drink human blood.
* Correct. You can kill them by putting a stake through the heart.

Total score is 4 out of 6 (67%) Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

According to the text, \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

Incorrect: zombies are represented in different ways in different TV programmes, films and books

our current understanding of what a zombie is comes from a seminal sixties film. CORRECT

people do not find zombies as frightening now as they did in the past

people like zombies because they show us the dark side of humankind

'Zombie' \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

is a Haitian and West African religion

is a witch doctor who practises magic

Correct: comes from the Kongo word 'nzambi'

means 'victim'

In Haitian culture, zombies are \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

Incorrect: living people who are kept in a death-like state by poisoning

dead people who have been brought back to life by witch doctors CORRECT

people who are being punished for disloyalty to the secret police

witch doctors who have poisoned themselves with their own medicine

Clairvius Narcisse \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

Correct: claimed he was a real-life zombie

said working on a sugar plantation turned people into zombies

took 'zombie powder' to appear dead in order to escape the sugar plantation where he worked

told a Harvard scientist that he knew how to turn people into zombies

Wade Davis \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

identified the poisons in Clairvius Narcisse's blood

experimented with different substances naturally available where Clairvius Narcisse lived

thought Clairvius Narcisse's condition was psychological

Correct: asked local witch doctors how to make a zombie

'The Serpent and the Rainbow' \_\_\_.

Inizio modulo

proved Narcisse's theory with rigorous scientific evidence

presented the case with scepticism

Correct: was popular with zombie fans but not scientists

was a fictional account based on the real-life story

Fine modulo

Fine modulo

Total score is 8 out of 8 (100%)

Fill the gaps with the correct word from the box.

Inizio modulo

1. In Haitian culture, zombies are victims, rather than

* Correct: evil (morally wrong or bad) creatures.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

2. In Haiti, the 'bokors' were

* Correct: widely (by a large number of people) feared and respected.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

3. Most people think that zombies are

* Correct: mythical (based on a traditional or legendary story) creatures, like vampires or werewolves.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

4. The 'bokors' told Wade Davis that poison was used to keep the 'zombies' in a

* Correct: submissive (obedient and unresisting) state.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

5. 'The Serpent and the Rainbow' was made into a

* Correct: horror (a genre made to cause fear in the audience) film.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

6. Some scientists were

* Correct: sceptical (not convinced) about Davis's claims.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

7. They said the amounts of toxin in the powder samples were

* Correct: inconsistent (not always the same) and not enought to cause zombifying effects.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

8. Many people still believe in zombies in Haiti, but Davis's theory remains

* Correct: controversial (causing public disagreement).

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