



## Wk. 06.07.20 Year 6 Comprehension

### SHQ: How do we retrieve information from a text?



#### Unusual cinemas around the world

Going to the cinema has been a popular form of entertainment since the 1890s. Traditionally, cinemas seat people in rows of chairs inside a dark room. Nowadays however, there are **numerous** cinemas around the world that provide a much more interesting experience.

One example is the Pula Arena in Croatia. It is one of the six largest surviving Roman arenas in the world. It once occupied the locals with violent gladiator battles, but now entertains them with films. Every year, a European film competition called the Pula Film Festival takes place here.

Cinema "Lake" is an outdoor cinema in Kosovo. It is located at a lake on a hill in a city park. As well as lakeside chairs, there are rubber boats, so that the audience can watch the films while rowing around the lake. Part of the **annual** International Documentary and Short Film Festival happens here.

The Hot Tub cinema is on a rooftop in London, England. The audience sit in Jacuzzis while watching classic films. It is possible to book a whole tub for a group of six, or to buy individual tickets to share a tub with others. Every tub has waiter service to supply food and drinks. Afterwards, there is a party and music.

The Sci-Fi Dine-In Theatre Restaurant is at Hollywood Studios, one of the four theme parks at Walt Disney World in Orlando in the USA. The cinema looks like a 1950s drive-in theatre. Visitors watch film clips from 1950s and 1960s films while eating typical American food at tables disguised as cars.

The Orange Cinema in China is an **exclusive** club for members only. It offers a luxurious setting in which guests can enjoy fine drinks, private dining, and comfortable blankets and pillows. The use of advanced projectors results in very high visual and sound quality.

These are just a few examples of the **fascinating** variety of cinemas around the world. It seems that going out to watch a film is as popular now as ever, but the traditional cinema may no longer be enough to keep people entertained. For many, the cinema itself may be more important than the film that is showing.

**Read the text and then answer these questions:**

1) *Find the meanings of the words in bold.*

2) *Read the text quickly again and answer the following question:*

How many of the cinemas described in the text are outdoors?

3) *Answer the following questions by referring to the text:*

1. What era does the Pula Arena in Croatia date from?
2. Where can the audience sit at the Cinema "Lake" in Kosovo?
3. What is the maximum number of people that can be in a group at the Hot Tub cinema in London?
4. What can you do whilst watching a film at the Sci-Fi Dine-In in the USA?
5. How does the Orange Cinema in China offer high quality sound and vision?
6. What events took place at the Pula Arena when it was originally built?
7. What other significant event takes place at the Cinema Lake in Kosovo?
8. How do people obtain refreshments at the Hot Tub cinema?
9. What form does the furniture take in the Sci-Fi Dine-In cinema?
10. Can anyone visit the Orange Cinema in China? How do you know?

4) *Provide more detailed answers to these questions:*

1. Do you think the Orange Cinema is cheap to visit? Why? (Provide evidence)
2. Which cinema would you most like to visit? Justify your answer with evidence.

## Answers

1.

numerous = many, annual = every year, exclusive = excluding or restricting access to certain people, fascinating = interesting

2.

3 of the cinemas are outdoors: Pula Arena, Cinema "Lake" and Hot Tub cinema.

3.

1. Roman times
2. Either in lakeside chairs or rubber boats
3. 6
4. Eat American food
5. By using advanced projectors
6. Violent Gladiator battles
7. The International Documentary and Short Film Festival
8. A waiter brings food and drink
9. The tables are disguised as cars from the 1950s
10. You have to be a member

4.

1. It seems to be expensive because it is an exclusive club which means not everyone is welcome. It also suggests that the club is 'luxurious' and you can enjoy 'fine' drinks and 'private' dining.

2. e.g. I would choose to visit the Sci-Fi Dine-In cinema because I would like to eat my favourite food whilst watching a film. I also like the idea of being in a 1950s setting because it would be like visiting the past.