

The Grand Canyon



Read the passage below very carefully and then fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the list of options provided. You will not need to use all of the words provided. DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OPTIONS MORE THAN ONCE.

fit	evolved	skills	avoid	home
grow	craft	designs	further	protect
art	adapt	improve	carvings	arose

The Grand Canyon, a majestic natural feature in North America, was actually inhabited by humans more than ten thousand years ago. It was (1) _____ to many hunter-gatherers and later, farmers who practised agriculture. Ancient figurines of animals and wall (2) _____ show how important animals were in the people's lives. The Anasazi, who had lived in the Grand Canyon then, hunted for deer, sheep and rabbits. They were also proficient in the (3) _____ of basket making, prompting archaeologists to name them the Puebloan Basketmakers.

Gradually, the people learnt more efficient ways of doing things. Their lifestyle (4) _____ from a nomadic to a sedentary one. Using water from the Colorado River, they irrigated their land and grew crops. Later, storage bins were built underground to (5) _____ surplus food from insects and rodents.

Every few hundred years, new groups of hunter-gatherer tribes would arrive at the Grand Canyon to live there. They picked up agricultural (6) _____ from the tribes that had settled there. Over the years, these tribes would come up with newer and better agricultural methods to (7) _____ crop yield to support a growing population.

When new tribes arrived, disputes sometimes (8) _____. The weaker tribe would have to submit to the more aggressive one. Some tribes relocated to (9) _____ further conflict. Eventually, only the tribes who were able to (10) _____ to these periodic changes and intrusions, and who took advantage of what the Grand Canyon had to offer were able to survive. It was the survival of the fittest.

Answers:
1. home
2. carvings
3. art
4. evolved
5. protect
6. skills
7. improve
8. arose
9. avoid
10. adapt

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