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 - a. Archeologists do more than simply dig in the dirt.
 - b. Archeologist study the history of the area in which they plan a dig.
 - c. Archeologists translate the writing found on old materials.

2. Human body
 - a. The human hand is made up of phalanges, carpals, and metacarpals.
 - b. The human body is an amazing machine made of many parts that work as a whole.
 - c. The lungs provide oxygen to the blood, which in turn oxygenates all body parts.

3. Mars
 - a. The fourth planet from our Sun, Mars has many unique qualities.
 - b. Mars may have once been a wet planet.
 - c. Mars contains many craters.

4. Summer camp
 - a. I learned to shoot a bow and arrow while there.
 - b. I made many new friends from a variety of places.
 - c. Summer camp is a great place to gain knowledge, have fun, and make friends.

5. TV shows
 - a. *The Big Bang Theory* is one of the funniest shows on TV.
 - b. Many TV shows can be both entertaining and educational.
 - c. Although I love comedies, I also like to watch science documentaries.

6. Whales
 - a. The Blue Whale is the largest mammal.
 - c. The Bulga whale uses a wide range of clicks and whistles to communicate.
 - c. There are many different species of whales living in our oceans today.

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