

*V Put the verbs in brackets into the Passive Voice (3x passive in mitive, 6x passive past simple, 2x passive simple present, 1x passive present continuous).*

### **Etruscan Language and Writing**

Etruscan, the third great language of culture in Italy after Greek and Latin, does not survive in any literary works. An Etruscan religious literature did exist, and evidence suggests that there may have been a body of historical literature and drama as well. Etruscan had\_ceased 1) ..... (to speak) in the time of Imperial Rome, though it continued 2) ..... (to study) by priests and scholars. The emperor Claudius (AD 54) wrote. a history of the Etruscans in 20 books, now lost, which 3) ..... (to base) on sources still-preserved in his day. The language continued 4) ..... (to use) in a religious context until late antiquity; the hnal record of such use relates to the invasion of Rome by Alaric, chief of the Visigoths, in AD 410, when Etruscan priests 5) ..... (to summon) to conjure lightning against the barbarians.

There are more than 10,000 known Etmscan inscriptions, with new ones that 6) ..... (to discover) each year. These are mainly short funerary or dedicatory inscriptions, found. on ash urns and in tombs or on objects dedicated in sanctuaries. Others 7) ..... (to fmd) on engraved bronze Etruscan mirrors, where they label mythological figures or give the name of the owner, and on coins, dice, and pottery. Finally there are graffiti scratched on pottery; though their function 8) ..... (to understand) little, they seem to include owners' names as well as numbers, abbreviations, and nonalphabetic signs.

Of the longer inscriptions, the most important is the "Zagreb mummy wrapping", which 9) ..... (to find) in Egypt in the 19th century and 10). ..... (to cany) back to Yugoslavia by a traveler. It had originally been a book of linen cloths, which at some date 11) ..... (to cut up) into strips and 12) ..... (to wrap) around a mummy. With about 1,300 words, written in black ink on the linen, it is the longest existing Etruscan text.

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### **COMMON ERRORS**

(-) The museum is currently renovated.

(+) The museum is currently being renovated.