



“Unit 1: Reading Comprehension Activity”

Name: _____

Date: _____

Learning Outcome: To identify specific and general information from a written text.
(Tendrán dos semanas para terminar el material desde la fecha de entrega)

I. Choose the correct option. Then, read the first paragraph and check your answer.

- Genealogy is ...
- a the study of genes.
 - b the study of family names.
 - c the study of family history.

II. Read the text. Create a list of at least 10 unknown words and their Spanish meaning. Then, develop items III and IV.

Who are you related to?



A lot of people nowadays want to know who their relatives are. In fact, genealogy, or the study of family history, is the fastest-growing hobby in the UK.

People in Asian societies have recorded family history in genealogy books for thousands of years. But interest in western countries has only grown since the 1970s. It started with a TV series called *Roots*, based on a book by Alex Haley, about the descendants of an African slave. It then increased when ordinary people began to use the Internet.

In the past, people had to go to libraries to find out about their family history. Now, genealogy is the second most popular subject on the Internet. There are thousands of sites which share information and give advice about how to build a family tree.

So, if you're interested in finding out about your family history, here are the basic steps. First, draw your family tree with the information you already know. Then collect family photos and talk to your relatives about their memories. After that, check public records about births and marriages. And if you like, you can join a group on the Internet.

You'll probably find some fascinating historical information. And who knows, you might find that you're related to somebody famous!



III. Read the article and tick the information it contains.

- 1 The history of the hobby in western societies.
- 2 Why people are interested in it.
- 3 Some examples of famous families.
- 4 Tips for building your family tree.

IV. Circle the best options according to the information from the article.

- 1 Genealogy (is becoming more popular) has always been popular.
- 2 Genealogy books have existed in Asian cultures *since the 1970s / for thousands of years.*
- 3 Interest in the hobby started growing because of *a television series / the Internet.*
- 4 Nowadays, most information is found *on the Internet / in libraries.*
- 5 The best place to start your family tree is *in the present / by checking public records.*
- 6 Genealogy can help you learn about *famous people's lives / your family history.*

