Answer Key

Unit 12

Reading

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1 b 2 h 3 c 4 d 5 f 6 a 7 e 8 g

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- 1 The Mona Lisa is kept between 18 and 21°C.
- **2** The painting was commissioned to celebrate the birth of the couple's second son.
- **3** The painting is known as the *Mona Lisa* in English because of a spelling mistake.
- 4 It took four years for Leonardo da Vinci to paint the *Mona Lisa*.
- **5** The painting is kept in France.

Words to remember

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- 1 about / Are we talking about a top model or showbiz celebrity?
- 2 of / It's thought that she was Lisa Gherardini, the wife of a wealthy merchant.
- **3** of / The portrait is believed to have been commissioned to celebrate the birth of the couple's second son.
- 4 to / Thanks to a spelling mistake in English, the painting is known as *Mona Lisa*.
- 5 to / It's assumed that this was Leonardo da Vinci's nickname for Lisa whilst she was sitting for him because it was similar to her married name.
- **6** for / The artist didn't sell the painting to the Giocondo family, but kept it for himself.
- 7 to / What is known, though, is that Leonardo da Vinci moved to France in 1516.

Writing

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- 1 is assumed
- 2 is believed
- 3 have been taken
- 4 are said
- 5 have been impressed