

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION CLASS

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**1. Who is the speaker?**

- a pop singer
- a theatre actor
- an energy healer

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a really big part I think of the experience of using a pencil.**

- noise
- sound
- feel

**3. What is the core made of?**

- graphite, clay, and water
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**4. The story of the pencil starts with \_\_\_\_\_**

- graphite
- lead
- London

**5. What did they wrap the graphite in? String, \_\_\_\_\_, or paper.**

- leather
- wood
- sheepskin

**6. It was \_\_\_\_\_ who came up with the grading scale...**

- Joseph Dixon
- Hymen Lipman
- Henry David Thoreau

7. Originally when pencils were handmade they were made \_\_\_\_\_

- round
- from wood
- carefully

8. They figured out that it was easier and less \_\_\_\_\_ to do a hexagonal pencil.

- difficult
- wasteful
- annoying

9. What was originally used to erase pencil marks?

- bread crumbs
- rubber
- pumice

10. When was the first pencil with an attached eraser made?

- 1800s
- 1850s
- 1900s