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A couple looks at ancient Haida poles on Anthony Island in Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve.
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Haida Gwaii wins 7-wonders of BC vote 🗳️

Readers of *The Province* newspaper named the Seven Wonders of BC. The Haida Gwaii won.

Andrew Merilees is mayor of the Village of Masset. He says, "It's an amazing place."

The Haida Gwaii are First Nations people. The Haida Gwaii live on a group of islands.

There are 150 islands in the group. Many of the islands are very small. The islands are north of Vancouver Island.

The area is isolated. It is difficult to get to Haida Gwaii. You can fly there in 2 hours from Vancouver.

The villages, heritage site and art are special. Bill Reid carved a totem pole that stands there.

The Seven Wonders of BC were:

1. Haida Gwaii
2. Long Beach
3. Kermode bear (Spirit bear)
4. Cathedral Grove
5. Helmcken Falls
6. Adams River sockeye run
7. Stawamus Chief

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This sculpture is carved from yellow cedar. The carver was Bill Reid. Bill Reid is a famous Haida artist.

The sculpture is called *The Raven and First Men*. It is on display in the Museum of Anthropology at UBC.

The carving shows the Haida story of human creation.

Raven walked alone on the sand. One day he found a clamshell. Small humans were inside. He helped them get out. They became the first Haida.

Answers to exercise on page 3

__g__ 1.

__f__ 2.

__b__ 3.

__h__ 4.

__i__ 5.

__e__ 6.

__j__ 7.

__c__ 8.

__d__ 9.

__a__ 10.

Articles adapted from *The Province*

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Check your understanding.

- _____ 1. What were readers of *The Province* voting about?
- _____ 2. How many choices were there?
- _____ 3. Who won first place?
- _____ 4. Who are the Haida Gwaii?
- _____ 5. Where is Haida Gwaii?
- _____ 6. What does Bill Reid do?
- _____ 7. What did Bill Reid carve for Haida Gwaii?
- _____ 8. Where is Bill Reid's sculpture about creation?
- _____ 9. What did the raven find in the clamshell?
- _____ 10. What did raven do?

Pick your answer form the list below. Put the letter of your answer on the line.

- 1. Raven helped them get out.
- 2. Haida Gwaii won first place.
- 3. His sculpture is at a UBC museum
- 4. Small humans were inside.
- 5. He's a sculptor.
- 6. There were 16 choices.
- 7. They were choosing the Seven Wonders of BC.
- 8. The Haida Gwaii are First Nations people.
- 9. Haida Gwaii is north of Vancouver Island.
- 10. He carved a totem pole.

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