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www.oilhistory.com

An EFL lesson based on the authentic web site

Semester 2 Reading and writing

3 class periods

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This is an ESP lesson for Petroleum Engineering students. Tasks include a variety of reading and information-retrieval elements, some in an IELTS type of format.



1. In what year did the United States begin developing the crude oil industry? _____
(Hint: if you find this picture below, you'll find the answer):



2. Name the location of this first "oil boom" (first development):

3. Name the man who developed the oil well location in #2 above:

4. The author of the web site worked as a petroleum geologist in the following parts of the world:

South America			

5. When the table below is completed, it will have descriptions of the photos or illustrations at certain links in the web site. If the link is provided, you have to write the description of the picture. If the description is provided, you must find the link it describes and write it in the box. **(When the description is provided, you need only find the first link.)** Two examples are given.

Summary description	Link(s)
(Student's answer): Has two large illustrations of drilling rigs from 1884.	1. Portable cable tool drilling machines → 2. Corbette portable drilling rig
Shows a picture of a strange-looking oil rig that looks like a wooden house with a pointed tower.	(Student's answer): Drake chapters
	1. Cable Tool Drilling → 2. Man-Power and -Horse-Power (and click on)
An old green machine or engine inside a red brick room	
	The author
Old photo of a bunch of men standing around big wooden barrels.	
	The Shot (and click on)
Two pictures of battered, abandoned old tanker trucks, one red and one green	
	Gathering Oil
Includes a table in Excel of nineteenth-century screws, clamps, hooks, etc. related to cables.	
	Peruvian Anaconda
Shows a diagram of a pumping oil field. The diagram looks like a snowflake.	

6. Some of the links from the home page and from the Drake Chapters page are correct; others are incorrectly written or don't exist. You will have to look carefully to mark the correct ones with a .

Tar Barrels	Chemical Report of Seep Oil	Rig Tales
Whole Oil	Punched Noses	The Drill String
Broilers	Early Oil Pipelines, K.S.A.	Drake's Tome
First Production	Drake Commences Work at the Seep	Refining Seep Oil
The Central Tower	The First Oil Well	Trivia

