

## Roman leisure and entertainment comprehension questions

### 1 star

You will need to use reading comprehension text 1 to answer the following questions.

1. What have archaeologists found?
2. How much did it cost to go and see a show at the amphitheatre?
3. What did the Romans bring to Britain to hunt?
4. What did the gladiators do?
5. What decision did the audience sometimes have to make at the end of a gladiator fight?
6. As well as for relaxing, for what other reasons did Romans visit the baths?
7. Why was the temperature in the rooms at the baths so hot?

### 2 stars

You will need to use reading comprehension text 2 to answer the following questions.

Why did many Romans have little spare time?

1. What is an amphitheatre?
2. How did actors show whether their characters were happy or sad?
3. What is a chariot?
4. Why do you think putting on free shows could help to make an emperor more popular?
5. Why do you think that gladiator fights no longer happen today?

### 3 stars

You will need to use reading comprehension texts 1 and 2 to answer the following questions.

1. How would the Romans spend their spare time? Provide at least 4 different examples.
2. What is a gladiator?
3. What weapons could a gladiator use to defend himself?
4. What evidence can you find to suggest that chariot racing was a risky activity?
5. Why would the Romans visit the baths? Give two reasons.
6. Romans were passionate about hunting. What evidence can you find to support this?
7. Using text 2, find and copy one word which means the same as 'exciting'.
8. How did emperors try to increase their popularity?