

# Spelling Test

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# The Silk Trade

Silk is a fabric which \_\_\_\_\_ consider to be a \_\_\_\_\_ material. It is incredibly soft and \_\_\_\_\_ to touch and is used to make expensive \_\_\_\_\_ of clothing. The Chinese first made silk in approximately 3000 BC.

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When silk was first \_\_\_\_\_ it was reserved for the \_\_\_\_\_ use of the Emperor of China. Only his close relatives and the highest dignitaries were given \_\_\_\_\_ to wear silk. Gradually, silk came into more general use and \_\_\_\_\_ men and women began to wear it as well.

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It may seem \_\_\_\_\_, but silk was also put to industrial use by the Chinese. It was used to make parts of musical instruments, fishing lines and even an \_\_\_\_\_ kind of paper, called rag paper.

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Silk became \_\_\_\_\_, desired by other countries and was used as a \_\_\_\_\_ to trade with. From India to Italy, the exchange of silk for other goods, such as pomegranates and grapevines, was \_\_\_\_\_.

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For centuries \_\_\_\_\_ travelled the route known as 'The Silk Road'. It linked the East to the West, and gave the \_\_\_\_\_ for the trading of a variety of goods and ideas.

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Silk production in the world has doubled \_\_\_\_\_ the last thirty years, \_\_\_\_\_ silk being replaced by artificial \_\_\_\_\_ for some uses. China \_\_\_\_\_ one of the principal exporters of silk, and with Japan is \_\_\_\_\_ for over half of the silk that is manufactured in the world today.

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