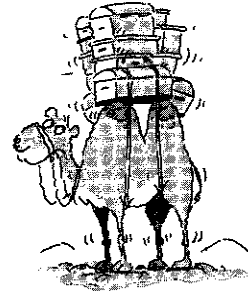


Drawing Conclusions

Read the paragraph. Answer the questions.

The Chinese learned to make silk cloth almost 5,000 years ago. At that time, they were the only ones who knew how to make it. Soon traders from China found that people in the West would pay great prices for silk. So traders traveled long distances on camels across harsh deserts and over high mountains to sell their silk. They also brought styles of art and Chinese inventions such as gunpowder to the West. They returned with gold, nuts, perfumes, and goods from the West. This trade route became known as the Silk Route. Many of the stopping places on the route became great cities.



Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

1. From this paragraph you can conclude that
- (A) travel on the Silk Route was safe and easy.
 - (B) gunpowder was an unimportant Chinese invention.
 - (C) ideas were also exchanged along the Silk Route.
 - (D) prices charged in the West for silk were too high.

2. From the paragraph you **cannot** tell
- (A) what kind of land the Silk Route crossed.
 - (B) the names of some of the cities along the Silk Route.
 - (C) what goods from the West traders brought to China.
 - (D) when the Chinese first began making silk.