

Intermediate groups lesson 2 2026

Materials (Some of them from lesson 1, some of them added):

Oxford Discover 3 – Unit 2 **vocabulary**: towns and villages, synonyms

Video: How do places get their names? SB 15, vocabulary SB 114, **WB 14 15 16 17**

Time-capsule towns: Places where people no longer live SB 16-17

Discover Vocabulary – SB 114, WB 16

Grammar: Past tenses vs. Present perfect tenses

Discover grammar - talking about past events – SB 18, SB 115, WB 17

Discover grammar – talking about past actions connected to the present – SB 19, SB 115, WB 17

Lesson plan for lesson 2:

1) Listen to the text about Time-Capsule towns again, practicing pronunciation (flooded, abandoned, citizens, volcano...)

2) Your presentations – retelling the stories of the towns

3) revise the vocabulary – check SB 16/5, SB 114/1,2,3 – discover vocabulary (synonyms, settlements)

4) Conversation on the topics in SB 16 – Talking points

5) Check your grammar homework from lesson 1 worksheet – Past Simple – Past Continuous

HW or in class: finish lesson 1 worksheet – the last page – Past Simple or Past Continuous?

6) If we have time, we will open the topic of legendary cities – copies from the **WB 14, 15**

HW: finish reading Legendary cities, prepare answers on p.14

7) HW Workbook p 16 - vocabulary – Settlements, Synonyms.

Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with the **past simple** form of the two verbs in brackets. Pay attention to the **order of events** and the meaning of the sentence.

1. We at the seaside resort and along the beach. (**arrive, walk**)
2. She the old town and several interesting buildings. (**explore, photograph**)
3. They the fishing village and some fresh fish for lunch. (**visit, buy**)
4. We at the port and the ships from the harbour wall. (**stop, watch**)
5. He to the university city and a room near the centre. (**move, find**)
6. We the commuter town and the train into the city. (**leave, catch**)
7. They through the suburb and a small café near the station. (**walk, discover**)
8. I the industrial town and several large factories near the river. (**enter, see**)
9. She the neighbourhood and some friendly local people. (**explore, meet**)
10. We the main square and a bus to the harbour. (**reach, take**)
11. They in the city centre and for a quiet street near the university. (**arrive, look**)
12. He the fishing village and a small boat near the beach. (**leave, notice**)

Key: 1. arrived, walked 2. explored, photographed 3. visited, bought 4. stopped, watched 5. moved, found 6. left, caught 7. walked, discovered 8. entered, saw 9. explored, met 10. reached, took 11. arrived, looked 12. left, noticed

Complete each sentence with the **past continuous** form of the two verbs in brackets. The sentences describe what was happening in a town or city at a particular moment. Pay attention to **was/were**.

1. Tourists along the beach while local people in small cafés near the sea. **(walk, sit)**
2. Several students across the university campus while a professor to a group outside the main building. **(hurry, talk)**
3. Fishing boats into the harbour while people for them on the shore. **(come, wait)**
4. Cars slowly through the busy suburb, and children home from school. **(move, walk)**
5. We around the old neighbourhood while our friend photos of the colourful houses. **(look, take)**
6. Workers heavy machines at the industrial town's main factory while lorries materials nearby. **(operate, deliver)**
7. People for buses at the commuter town station while others for the next train. **(wait, look)**
8. A group of visitors the port while a local guide them about the history of the area. **(explore, tell)**
9. The sun over the seaside resort, and people back from the beach. **(set, return)**
10. Students in the university library while other young people in the cafés outside. **(study, meet)**

Key:

1. were walking, were sitting 2. were hurrying, was talking 3. were coming, were waiting 4. were moving, were walking 5. were looking, was taking 6. were operating, were delivering 7. were waiting, were looking 8. were exploring, was telling 9. was setting, were returning 10. were studying, were meeting

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Read about another town struck by a disaster.

A Town Left Behind

Before 2011, **Namie** was a lively town on the coast of Japan. It had shops, restaurants, schools and busy streets. Many people had lived there for years and had their homes, jobs and everyday **belongings** there.

On 11 March 2011, a huge earthquake struck Japan. A massive tsunami followed and **flooded** parts of the town. Soon afterwards, the Fukushima nuclear accident made the situation even worse. People had to **leave behind** their homes and **move away** to safer areas.

Some residents thought they would return soon, so they left many of their **possessions** behind. But they could not return for a long time. Houses, shops and streets were left empty, and the once lively town became **abandoned** and **deserted**.

Today, some parts of Namie have reopened, and people are slowly returning. **Sadly**, however, many former residents have moved to other towns and built new lives there. The disaster changed Namie forever.

Create a few questions about Namie, starting *When... ? What...? How... ?* etc.

