

1 Look at the pictures of towns and cities that people no longer live in on page 17. Answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of towns do you think they were? Modern or ancient? Industrial or agricultural?
- 2 Why do you think people left?



2 Read and listen to the travel guide and check your answers to exercise 1.

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Reading
strategy



Scanning for specific information

When you need to find specific information in a text, like a name or a number, you don't need to read every sentence.

- Decide what information you need: is it a name, a number, a date, a time?
- Scan the text until you have found the information.
- Read the sentences around the information to check you have found all of it.

3 Study the reading strategy. Then look at the city profiles. What type of information is missing? Scan the travel guide and complete the profiles.

Name: Shi Cheng

Founded:

Population:

When did people leave?

Why?

Name: Bodie

Founded:

Population:

When did people leave?

Why?

Name: Pripyat

Founded:

Population:

When did people leave?

Why?

4 Answer the questions about Shi Cheng, Bodie, and Pripyat.

- 1 What was life like there? What kind of people do you think lived there?
- 2 Can you visit the city today? How?

Discover vocabulary Synonyms

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5 Find synonyms for these words and phrases in the travel guide.

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| 1 huge | 5 move away |
| 2 deserted | 6 defend |
| 3 lively | 7 contemporary |
| 4 sadly | 8 possessions |



6 Cover the travel guide. In pairs, tell the story of the four time-capsule towns. Use the words from exercise 5 to help you.



7 TALKING POINTS Discuss the questions.

- 1 Which town do you think has the most interesting story? Why?
- 2 Why might people want to visit abandoned places?
- 3 Should abandoned places be left as they are or restored? Why?

Discover
more



SEARCH ONLINE and find out about another town, village, island or place that has disappeared or is disappearing. Where is it? Are people trying to save it?

LET'S EXPLORE ... TIME-CAPSULE TOWNS

Pompeii, Italy

August 24th in the year AD79 began like any normal summer day in Pompeii. People were getting up and having breakfast, or walking to work along the shaded city streets, when suddenly there was a massive explosion. 24 hours later, the city had been wiped out by Vesuvius, a nearby volcano. Pompeii became a time capsule of Roman life in AD79. Throughout history, many towns and cities have been abandoned by their inhabitants. Sometimes natural disasters are to blame, but there are other reasons, too. Let's find out about more "time-capsule towns."

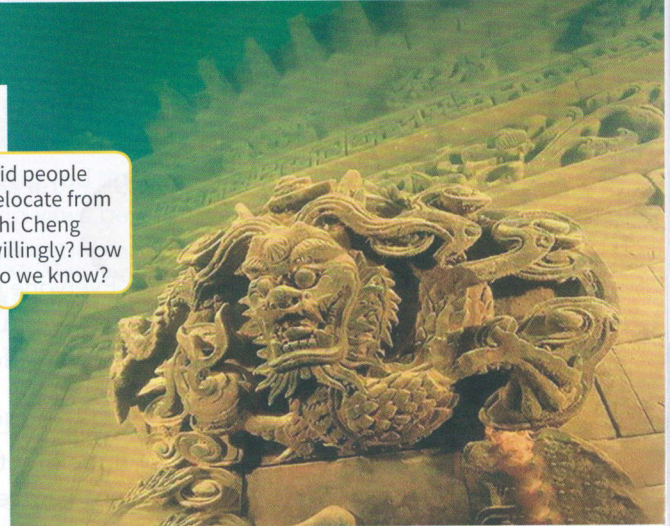
What does "wipe out" mean?



Shi Cheng, China

- 10 Shi Cheng or "Lion City" used to be a bustling town in a valley in China. The city was founded 1,300 years ago and by the 20th century, it was home to 290,000 people. Shi Cheng was a beautiful place. You could walk down its wide streets, through ornate stone arches and past historic temples decorated with intricately carved lions and dragons.
- 15 Unfortunately, the valley where the town was located was flooded in 1959. The area needed electricity, so an artificial lake was created and a huge power station was built. Everyone in Shi Cheng was forced to relocate and "Lion City" disappeared beneath Qiandao Lake. The town was forgotten for many years.
- 20 Today Lion City is a recognized monument. Divers often visit to see its stone temples and to photograph the dragons and lions. The stone lions once protected the city, but they could not protect it from progress.

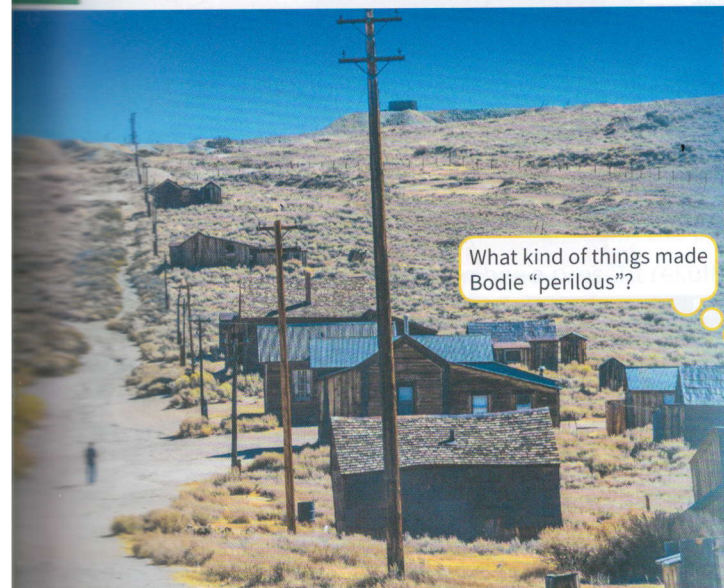
Did people relocate from Shi Cheng willingly? How do we know?



Bodie, U.S.

- In the 1800s, many new towns were created across the American West as people rushed to mine for gold. One of these, Bodie in
- 25 California, grew from 20 people in 1861 to 10,000 people 25 years later. During that time, its mines produced gold worth more than 34 million dollars. By the 1880s, Bodie had two banks, a school, a post office, and a jail. Miners from all over the world went there to make their fortune. There were also gunfighters, robbers, and other criminals, so it was a perilous place to live and there were often fights. Every morning people would ask, "Did anyone get killed last night?" But eventually the gold ran out and the mines closed down. Then two major fires destroyed large parts of the town. By 1939,
- 30 the school and post office were closed and the town was left with a handful of residents. The last mine closed in 1942.
- 35 A lot of tourists visit Bodie today. The miners and robbers have long gone, but perhaps a few ghosts remain!

What kind of things made Bodie "perilous"?



Pripyat, Ukraine

- Pripyat was a model city. It was built in 1970 and was modern, clean, and well managed. It had schools, a hospital, stores, parks,
- 40 movie theaters, factories, and almost no unemployment or crime. Over 50,000 people lived and worked in the town and at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant nearby. Then in 1986, disaster struck. An explosion at the nuclear power plant allowed dangerous radiation to escape. Within two days, the town was empty – people
- 45 left hastily, leaving their personal belongings in their homes or on the streets.
- Today Pripyat has become a time capsule. No one can live there, but brave tourists can visit. However, wildlife around the city is thriving. There are more deer, wild boar, and wolves than ever before!

What are two synonyms for "hastily"?



Settlements 1.20

commuter town fishing village fortress hamlet
industrial city market town neighborhood port
seaside resort suburb university city

1 Write the correct words for the quotes.

- 1 "There are a lot of big modern hotels and busy beaches."
- 2 "In the past, almost everyone here made their living from the sea."
- 3 "There are just a few houses there – no stores, no school."
- 4 "The colleges are really beautiful and the streets are full of students on bicycles."
- 5 "Friday is the best day of the week in my town. Go to the main square and you'll be able to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, honey, cheese ... all sorts of things!"
- 6 "These thick walls used to keep enemies out!"
- 7 "I live near the edge of the city. There are lots of houses. It's a bit boring, but it's safe."

2 Answer the questions with your own ideas.

- 1 Would you rather live in a village, a commuter town or a university city? Why?
- 2 Would you describe your hometown or city as industrial? Why? / Why not?
- 3 What is the nearest port to your home?
- 4 Do you think your neighborhood is a good place to live? Why?

Synonyms 1.21

abandoned / deserted belongings / possessions
bustling / lively contemporary / modern defend / protect
huge / massive move away / relocate sadly / unfortunately

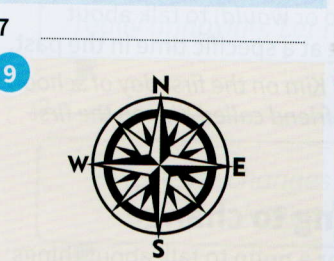
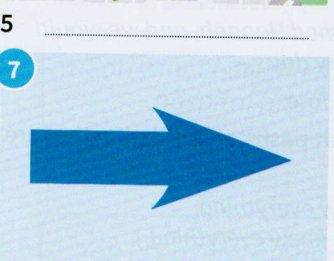
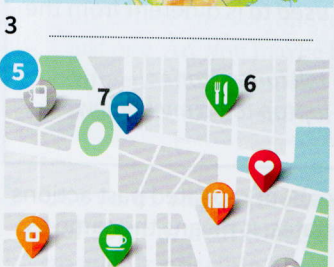
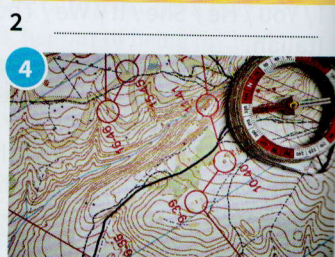
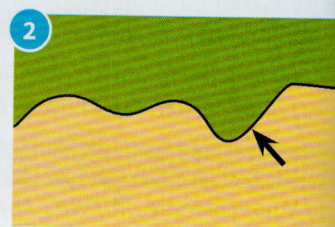
3 Complete the mini-dialogues. Use a different synonym for each person.

- 1 A Has your aunt _____?
B Yes, she's _____ to Canada.
- 2 A I hear you visited an _____ city.
B Yes, it was _____ after a series of natural disasters.
- 3 A Is it a _____ hotel?
B It's an old building, but all the rooms are designed in a _____ style.
- 4 A This market's usually _____ with activity. I don't know why it's so quiet today.
B I know! It's usually _____.
- 5 A The inhabitants closed the city gates to _____ themselves.
B Who did they need to _____ themselves against?

Maps 1.22

arrow border compass points contour line landmark
path physical map political map road map scale
symbol

4 Label the pictures 1–6 with the correct words.



5 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 A **physical** / **political** map shows lakes, rivers, and mountains.
- 2 The four main **compass points** / **contour lines** are north, south, east, and west.
- 3 Which famous **symbols** / **landmarks** did you visit when you went to the U.S.?
- 4 There's a big **scale** / **arrow** which points to the exit.
- 5 We crossed the **path** / **border** into Brazil and continued our journey north.