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Teacher's Copy

Spelling

Looking for the past



Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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Anything can become lost, including something as

_____ *large* _____ as a city ...

Lost Cities

Can you _____ *imagine* _____ London ever disappearing? It

seems _____ *unlikely* _____. But, in the past, cities that

were once homes to thousands of people were abandoned.

Cities have been left after the people who lived in them were

defeated by _____ *enemies* _____. Others were

_____ *destroyed* _____ by natural disasters.

One of these was the city of Pompeii, in ancient Rome, which

was lost when it was _____ *hidden* _____ beneath the ash

from a volcano.



Although _____ *whole* _____ cities have been lost, small items have also been buried and have disappeared more often.

Buried Treasure

Throughout history, _____ *searches* _____ have taken place for lost treasure. This can involve _____ *digging* _____ at particular sites where valuable objects may be buried.

Amateurs using metal detectors have even uncovered

_____ *expensive* _____ things. There are also hunts for

_____ *collections* _____ of treasure lost in ships sunk at sea.

Scientists can use special equipment to look for treasure under

water. There are _____ *tales* _____, for example, of lost

pirate treasure buried in the coves of the Caribbean islands.

It is not only treasure that _____ *might* _____ be lost at sea,

but ships too...

Shipwrecks

Ships that have set sail, but failed to arrive at their destination,

have always fascinated historians. The most _____ *famous* _____

case of a sunken ship is the *Titanic*. Among the less well known

cases is the *Mary Celeste*. It set sail from New York in November

1872 and was _____ *found* _____ a month later, but it was

empty. Everyone on board had vanished.

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