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Level 0

Pompeii thieves say relics are cursed

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THE READING

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Thousands of tourists visit the ancient city of Pompeii every year. It is a big tourist sight. Most tourists leave the city with happy memories. Some people steal relics, like statues or tiles. Some tourists say these things have brought them bad luck. They sent them back to Pompeii. Many wrote about their bad luck.

A worker at the 2,000-year-old Pompeii talked about the letters. A man said his life was full of bad luck after he took a small tile from Pompeii. A Spanish man stole a bronze statue and said it brought all his family bad luck. The worker wants to show everyone the letters. He said they might be more interesting than the relics.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/italy/11932368/Pompeii-pilferers-punished-with-a-curse-from-the-gods.html>
<http://www.thelocal.it/20151013/pompeii-thieves-claim-relics-are-cursed>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pompeii>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the ancient | a. tiles |
| 2. a big tourist | b. city of Pompeii |
| 3. leave the city with happy | c. back to Pompeii |
| 4. Some people | d. sight |
| 5. statues or | e. about their bad luck |
| 6. brought them bad | f. steal relics |
| 7. They sent them | g. memories |
| 8. Many wrote | h. luck |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the 2,000-year | a. tile |
| 2. his life was full | b. be |
| 3. he took a small | c. of bad luck |
| 4. a bronze | d. everyone the letters |
| 5. it brought all his | e. statue |
| 6. The worker wants to show | f. -old Pompeii |
| 7. He said they might | g. than the relics |
| 8. more interesting | h. family bad luck |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thousands (1) _____ the ancient city of Pompeii every year. (2) _____ tourist sight. Most tourists leave the city with (3) _____. Some people steal relics, (4) _____ tiles. Some tourists (5) _____ have brought them bad luck. They sent them back to Pompeii. (6) _____ their bad luck.

A (7) _____-year-old Pompeii talked about the letters. A (8) _____ was full of bad luck after he took (9) _____ Pompeii. A Spanish man stole a bronze statue and said (10) _____ his family bad luck. The worker (11) _____ everyone the letters. He said they might be more interesting (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

