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■ Your teacher will read the spelling passage to you.

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Looking for the past

Anything can become lost, including something as

_____ as a city…

Lost Cities

Can you _____ London ever disappearing? It

seems _____. 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 _____. Others were

_____ by natural disasters.

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

was lost when it was _____ beneath the ash

from a volcano.

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

Buried Treasure

Throughout history, _____ have taken place for lost treasure. This can involve _____ at particular sites where valuable objects may be buried. Amateurs using metal detectors have even uncovered

_____ things. There are also hunts for

_____ of treasure lost in ships sunk at sea. Scientists can use special equipment to look for treasure under water. There are _____, for example, of lost pirate treasure buried in the coves of the Caribbean islands. It is not only treasure that _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ a month later, but it was empty. Everyone on board had vanished.

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