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3-4**2004**

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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Looking for the past

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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