



Mineral Park –  
the Ghost town

Complete the text with the verbs in the box

was	lived	was	worked	was	stopped
moved	started	was	travelled	closed	liked

Mineral Park is a town in the United States. It is called a 'ghost town' because no one lives there anymore. It \_\_\_\_\_ a different town in the past though.

In 1871, 700 people \_\_\_\_\_ in Mineral Park. There \_\_\_\_\_ a school, lots of shops, a post office, saloons, a doctor's, a hotel, a restaurant and even a weekly newspaper. It \_\_\_\_\_ a very busy town with lots of people but no cars. People \_\_\_\_\_ by train and on horses.

Lots of the people from Mineral Park, \_\_\_\_\_ in the mines. After work they \_\_\_\_\_ to spend their free time in the saloons and restaurants. Everyone was happy and wealthy, but all that \_\_\_\_\_.

After 1887 Mineral Park \_\_\_\_\_ to change into a quiet town. Many families \_\_\_\_\_ to other towns and the shops \_\_\_\_\_ down. Some people tried to stay but there was nothing for them to do. By 1912, the town \_\_\_\_\_ nearly empty.

Today, there are only a few ruined buildings left. People still visit Mineral Park though to get an idea of what life was like in the past.