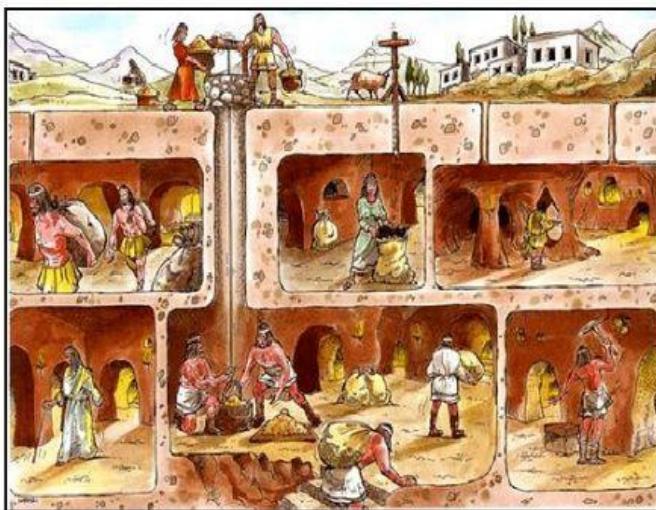


Underground Cities



In Cappadocia, Turkey, there are over 200 ancient cities under the ground. Some of these cities are about three thousand years old. There are secret passages between the cities. The passages are sometimes many kilometers long. Nobody lives there anymore but a lot of people visit them and they are very famous.

They are a tourist attraction.

In the past, however, there were thousands of people living in the underground cities. There were houses, kitchens, shops, churches, schools and places to keep animals and food. What was the reason for these mysterious places? Three thousand years ago, people were frightened of the cold winters and of the wild animals above the ground. Years later, people were frightened of the Romans, and the cities were good places to hide.

It probably wasn't fun living for months, or even years, in these dark places. There wasn't any electricity and there weren't any sports centers, stadiums or other exciting places to go. But today, Cappadocia is an amazing place to visit.

1. Are the sentences True or False?

- The cities in Cappadocia are a hundred years old.
- The underground cities in Cappadocia are around 3000 years old.
- These cities are connected with short passages.

- Many famous people live there.
- There weren't any schools in these mysterious cities.
- There wasn't food in these cities.
- Underground cities were safe in winter.
- Underground cities were bright places.
- It was very exciting to live in these cities for a long time.

2. Complete these sentences using was, were, wasn't, weren't.

- 1) The ancient cities in Cappadocia _____ below the ground.
- 2) Some animals _____ in the cities below the ground.
- 3) Cappadocia _____ a hot place in winter.
- 4) The Romans _____ friends of the people in Cappadocia.
- 5) It _____ possible to go from one underground city to another.
- 6) There _____ a good place to watch sports in underground cities.
- 7) There _____ wild animals in the underground cities.

3. Match the adjectives in the text with the synonyms:

ANCIENT

POPULAR

FAMOUS

OBSCURE

MYSTERIOUS

ENIGMATIC

FRIGHTENED

SAVAGE

WILD

FUN

DARK

SCARED

EXCITING

WONDERFUL

AMAZING

VERY OLD