

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

### 1 Match the sentences with the people in Chapter 1.



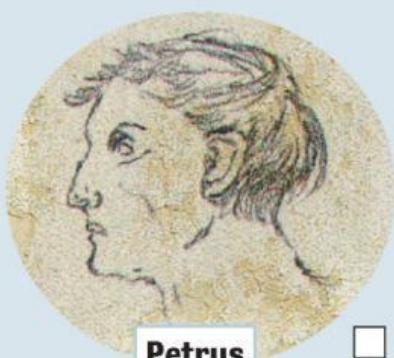
Caius Lepidus



Spurius



Felix



Petrus



Cassia



Flavia

- a** He's Spurius's slave, and he designs and makes mosaics.
- b** He's a freed man who works for Spurius and makes mosaics.
- c** He's a Roman senator, the owner of the house where Felix has just finished a mosaic.
- d** She's Spurius's daughter and she's in love with one of his workers.
- e** He owns a mosaic business and Felix and Petrus work for him.
- f** She's Spurius's wife. She's often angry with her husband.

### 2 Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

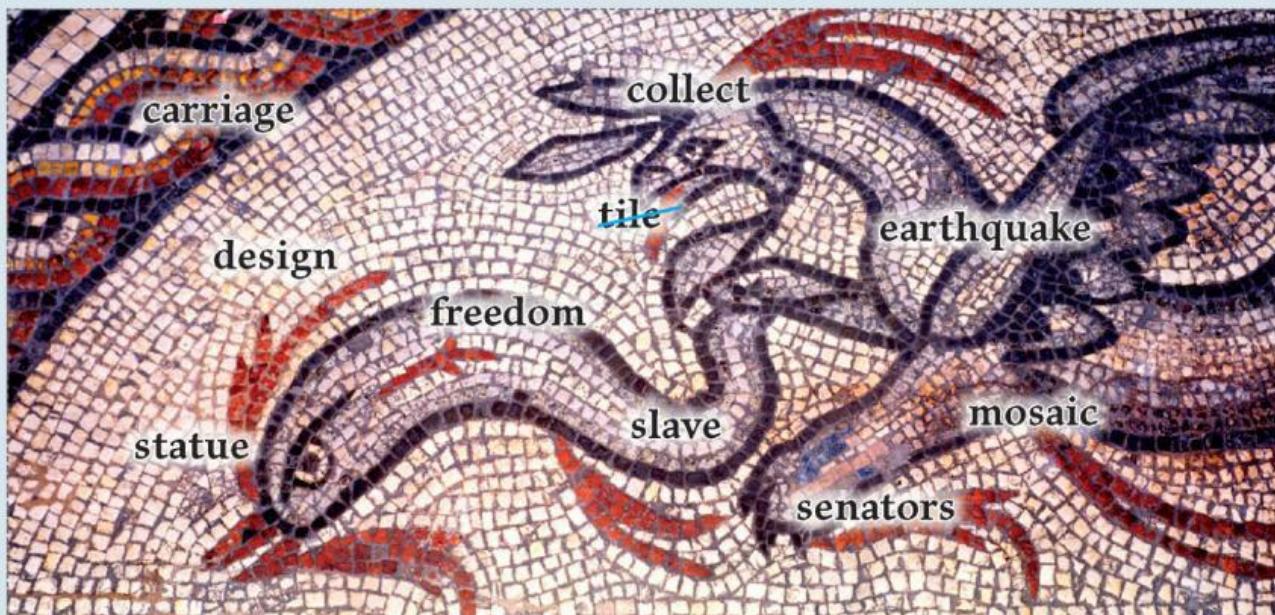
True	False
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- a** The story starts in Rome in the home of a senator.
- b** Spurius and Felix are working together to finish a mosaic.
- c** Spurius and Felix are collecting Petrus when there's an earthquake.
- d** Spurius gives Felix his freedom after the young man saves his life.
- e** Cassia is angry that Spurius gave Felix his freedom.
- f** Cassia wants their daughter, Flavia, to marry Petrus.

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## WORD WORK

Complete the sentences with the words from the mosaic.



- a There's a broken ..... **tile** ..... in the kitchen floor. Can you mend it?
- b The ..... of our new house is both modern and comfortable.
- c This ..... of a dog is made of more than one thousand small tiles.
- d Roman ..... were old men from rich families.
- e There's a large ..... of a famous writer in the town square.
- f Many people died in the ..... in Haiti in 2010.
- g He worked as her ..... , doing all the work without making any money.
- h People should have the ..... to choose where they live.
- i I must go and ..... my children from school now.
- j The queen was riding in a gold ..... pulled by six white horses.

## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three boxes.

- a Petrus and Flavia ask Spurius if they can marry each other.
- b Spurius decides not to give Felix his freedom.
- c Cassia tells Flavia that she must marry Felix.
- d There's a large earthquake in Rome that kills many people.
- e Some visitors from Pompeii arrive to see Felix's mosaics.
- f Petrus thinks of a plan to make Cassia hate Felix.

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**Tick the boxes to complete the sentences.**

**a** The next morning Cassia tells Flavia ...

- 1  that she can marry Petrus.
- 2  that she must marry Felix.
- 3  that she wants Petrus to be her husband's business partner.

**b** Felix thinks that Petrus is angry with him because ...

- 1  he saw the mistake in Petrus's mosaic.
- 2  they both want to marry Flavia.
- 3  he doesn't like Felix's work.

**c** Petrus wants Spurius and Cassia to ...

- 1  be angry with Flavia.
- 2  make him a freed man.
- 3  get rid of Felix.

**d** Cassia is waiting for some visitors from Pompeii who...

- 1  want to buy the nearly finished Colosseum.
- 2  want to see Felix's mosaics.
- 3  are escaping from the earthquake.

**e** When Festus and Bassus arrive, ...

- 1  they are both drunk.
- 2  they want to see the mosaics at once.
- 3  they both fall in love with Flavia.

**f** After lunch, Petrus takes Flavia ...

- 1  to watch a gladiator fight.
- 2  to see the graffiti he has written about Cassia.
- 3  to ask Spurius if they can marry each other.

**g** The graffiti about Cassia ...

- 1  was written by Felix.
- 2  makes her angry with Petrus.
- 3  looks just like Felix's writing.



**The Colosseum, Rome**  
**Built: 72–80 AD**

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## WORD WORK

Find words in the jars to complete the sentences.

a There's lots of ...**graffiti**... on the walls outside our school.

b He needs a new business ..... because his old one just left.

c I don't ..... in ghosts. Do you?

d She ..... him on the face because she was angry with him.

e They drank lots of wine and by the end of the meal they were .....

f After the Colosseum opened, the Romans liked to watch ..... fights there.

g The acting was very good and everyone in the theatre ..... a lot.

h We had to ..... the roof of the house after the storms.

## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Circle the correct words.

a Bassus orders a **statue** / **mosaic** for his house from Spurius.

b When Felix sees the **mosaic** / **graffiti**, he wants to know who did it.

c Felix and **Spurius** / **Petrus** go to Pompeii with Bassus.

d On the ship, Petrus tries to push **Spurius** / **Felix** into the sea.

e Felix tells Petrus that he **doesn't want** / **wants** to marry Flavia.

