

Skills Time!

Lesson Five

Reading

- 1 Listen, point and repeat.  105



along



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between



inside

- 2 Look at the text. What do people call Petra today?

- 3 Listen and read.  106

Petra

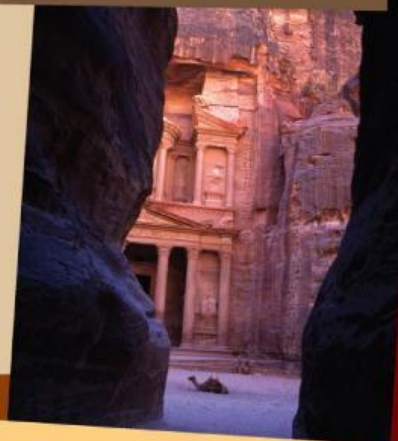
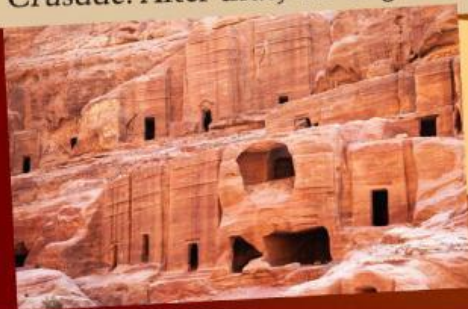
The Hidden City

Petra in Jordan is an old, hidden city in the middle of a rocky desert. To find the hidden city, visitors walk along a path between high rock walls in the mountains. At the end of the path, there is a wonderful view.

A group of people called the Nabateans built Petra about 2,500 years ago. For about 500 years, Petra was a capital city and there were a lot of people. The buildings were inside the rocks. They were like big, beautiful caves.

Years later, the Nabateans left Petra. For hundreds of years, the city was empty. But in 1812, a Swiss explorer called Johann Ludwig Burckhardt was the first European visitor to the city.

In 1989, Petra was in the film *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. After that, the city was famous all over the world.



Today, some people call Petra the Rose-Red City. As you walk through the city, you can still see the beautiful buildings. Petra is one of the seven wonders of the world. Lots of people visit the city every year.

- 4 Read again and write.

buildings

visitors

city

view

desert

capital

- 1 Petra is a city in Jordan.
- 2 Petra was a _____ city for many years.
- 3 The _____ were inside the rocks.
- 4 Petra is in the middle of a _____.
- 5 The _____ from the path is amazing.
- 6 There are a lot of _____ every year.

Listening

- 1 Listen and circle the correct words to complete the notes.  107

Petra was a very ¹**big** / **small** city 2,000 years ago.

Petra had a royal family. There was a king and a ²**princess** / **queen**.

There wasn't a ³**river** / **desert** at Petra.

There were lots of ⁴**schools** / **shops** along a big street.

There wasn't a hotel, but there was a ⁵**theatre** / **hospital**.



Speaking



Watch the DVD!

- 2 Look at the sentences. Ask and answer.

Was there a queen in Petra 2,000 years ago?

Yes, there was.

Writing preparation

We use **paragraphs** to make a text easier to read. We start a new paragraph for each separate topic in a text.



Paragraph 1 = Nabatean homes

The Nabateans often lived in tents, but they were very good at building. There were some Nabatean houses at Petra. The houses were very strong, with stone walls and stone roofs. Some of the Nabatean houses were inside the rocks, like caves.

Paragraph 2 = The Nabatean language

The Nabatean language was a very early language. There was a Nabatean alphabet and there is Nabatean writing in the cities of Petra, Bussra and Hegra. Nabatean writing was very beautiful.

Complete the writing task on page 85 of the Workbook.



- 3 Look at the text on page 90. How many paragraphs can you find?



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