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
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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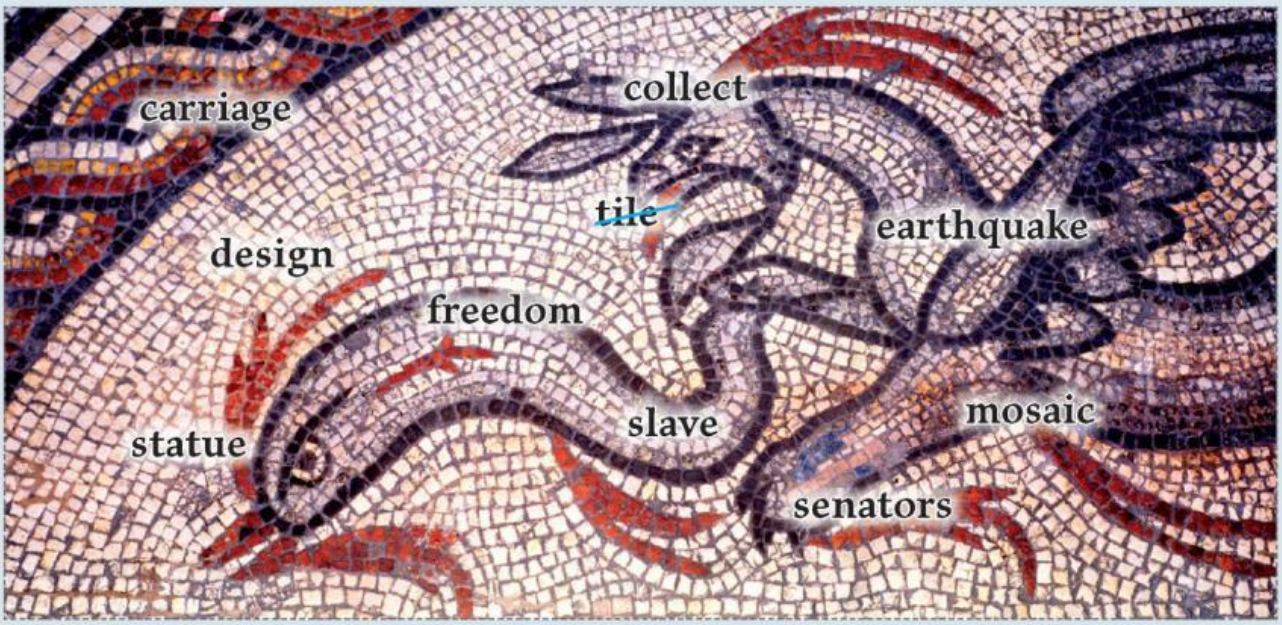
Complete the sentences with the words from the mosaic.



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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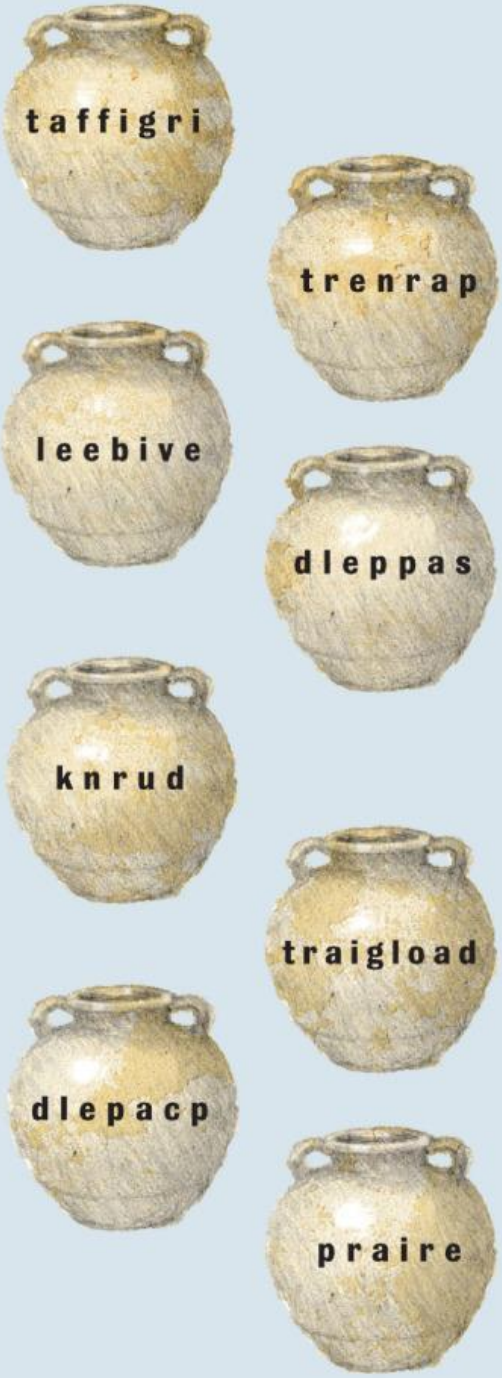
Find words in the jars to complete the sentences.



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.

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