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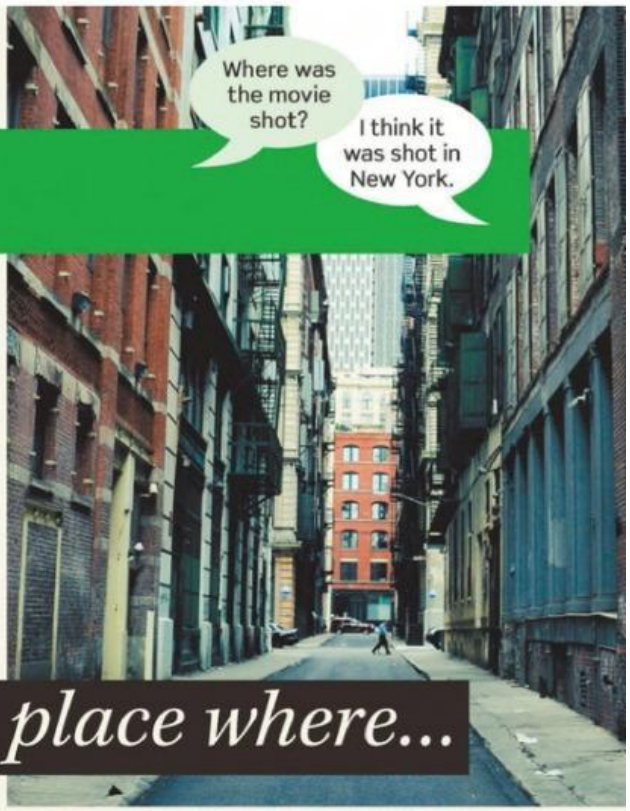

1 READING

a Look at the photos with the article. Do they remind you of any movies or TV series that you have seen?

b Now read the article and complete it with a past participle from the list.

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You are standing in *the place where...*

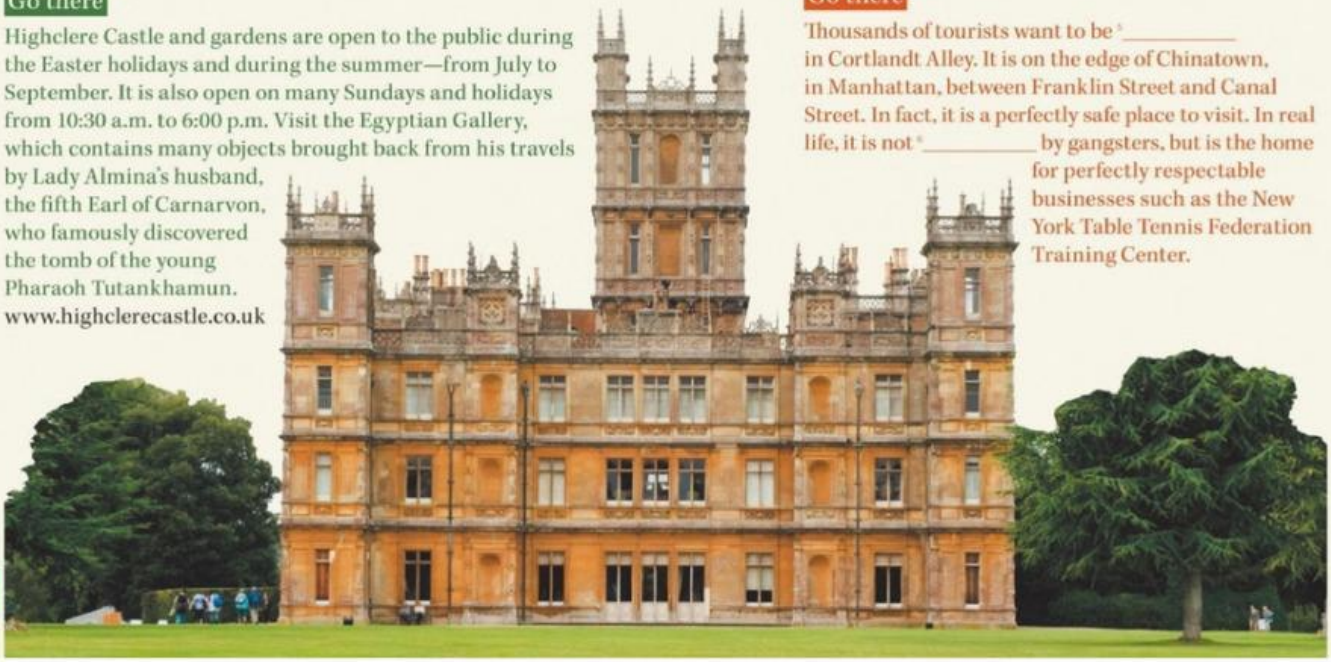
A Highclere Castle *near Newbury in Berkshire, UK*

The castle has been [1] *owned* by the Carnarvon family since 1679, and the Earl and Countess Carnarvon currently live there. In 2010, movie director Julian Fellowes, a close friend of the family, was planning a new TV series about an aristocratic family and their servants during the early 20th century. While he was staying at Highclere Castle, he realized that it would be the perfect place to set his historical drama, and the castle was [2]_____ into *Downton Abbey*, the home of the fictional Crawley family. The series was a huge success, and it has been sold all over the world. Both the interior and exterior scenes were shot in and around the castle itself.

In the second season of the TV series, the castle is used as a hospital during the First World War. These scenes are [3]_____ on a real-life event. In 1914, Lady Almina Carnarvon allowed soldiers who had been wounded to be taken care of in the castle.

Go there

Highclere Castle and gardens are open to the public during the Easter holidays and during the summer—from July to September. It is also open on many Sundays and holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visit the Egyptian Gallery, which contains many objects brought back from his travels by Lady Almina's husband, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, who famously discovered the tomb of the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun.
www.highclerecastle.co.uk



B Cortlandt Alley

New York City, USA

In Hollywood's version of New York City, the giant metropolis is full of secret alleys where crimes take place, and criminals are chased by the police. In fact, there are hardly any alleys in New York today at all. One of the few remaining ones, Cortlandt Alley, has been [4]_____ for almost all the alley scenes in movies and TV series that are set in New York City. Movies with scenes that were shot there include *Crocodile Dundee* and *Men in Black 3*, and TV series like *Blue Bloods*, *Boardwalk Empire*, *NYPD Blue*, and *Law & Order*.

Go there

Thousands of tourists want to be [5]_____ in Cortlandt Alley. It is on the edge of Chinatown, in Manhattan, between Franklin Street and Canal Street. In fact, it is a perfectly safe place to visit. In real life, it is not [6]_____ by gangsters, but is the home for perfectly respectable businesses such as the New York Table Tennis Federation Training Center.

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C Casa Loma

Toronto, Canada

This Gothic Revival style building, with a spectacular tower, was [7]_____ by Canadian architect E.J. Lennox. The original owner, Sir Henry Mill Pellatt spent $3.5 million and hired 300 workers to construct the building. After three years, the castle was finally completed in 1914. Unfortunately, in 1933, the city of Toronto seized Casa Loma from Pellatt for nonpayment of taxes. After several years of neglect, the castle was scheduled for demolition, but it was saved by the Kiwanis Club—a service club that helps the homeless, the hungry, and other disadvantaged people. The club still holds meetings there today! During World War II, equipment designed to find underwater enemy boats was made in the castle. Because of its unusual look, the castle has been used as a location in several well-known movies such as *X-Men*, *Chicago*, and *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*. In addition, author Eric Wilson was [8]_____ by this building to write the novel *The Lost Treasure of Casa Loma*.

Go there

Visitors are [9]_____ throughout the year. However, some areas of the castle may be closed to the public due to prebooked functions. The castle is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It's closed on December 25th, Christmas Day. Guided garden tours are available from May through October.
www.casaloma.org

c Read the article again. Answer the questions with **A** (Highclere Castle), **B** (Cortlandt Alley), or **C** (Casa Loma).

Which place...?

1 is not really as it seems in movies
2 has a permanent exhibition there
3 was used for the same thing both in real life and on TV
4 a place that inspired an author to write a novel about it
5 is one of the few places of its kind that still exists
6 is only open during holiday periods
7 was taken from its owner
8 was used to make equipment for a war

d Have you seen any of the movies or TV series mentioned? Which of the three places would you most like to visit? Why?

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