

# Unit 6 - Beginner

## B - there was, there were

### 1 VOCABULARY places

a Order the letters to make places.

- 1 WOTN town
- 2 HUCRCH \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 OHPS \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 TPEORL OASTTIN \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 USUMME \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 THSMEISC \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 GVLIALE \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 APIORRT \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 ERVRI \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 RAPK \_\_\_\_\_

b Write the places.

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| 1 It's a place where doctors and nurses work.                              | a <u>hospital</u> |
| 2 It's a place where there is a lot of water.                              | the s _____       |
| 3 It's a place where you can take a train.                                 | the st _____      |
| 4 It's a shop where you can buy stamps and send letters.                   | a p _____         |
| 5 It's a place where you can watch films.                                  | a c _____         |
| 6 It's a place where people go in the summer.                              | the b _____       |
| 7 It's a building you go to when you want some money.                      | a b _____         |
| 8 It's a place where there are a lot of houses, offices, cars, and people. | a c _____         |

### 2 GRAMMAR there was / there were

a Look at the two pictures. Complete the sentences to describe the town in 1960.

- 1 There weren't any \_\_\_\_\_ banks.
- 2 There was a \_\_\_\_\_ post office.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ shops.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ supermarket.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ parks.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ hospital.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ cinema.

b Write questions and short answers about the town in 1960.

- 1 Were there any \_\_\_\_\_ shops? Yes, there were.
- 2 Was there a \_\_\_\_\_ hospital? No, there wasn't.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ cinema? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ parks? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ post office? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ banks? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ supermarket? \_\_\_\_\_



## Words and phrases to learn

Complete the dialogue with the words in the list.

how happened breakfast disaster  
were built began accident  
kilometres typically

A <sup>1</sup> How was your holiday?

B It was a complete <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

A Why?

B Well, the problems <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
when we left home.

A What <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

B Well, first we had an <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

A Where?

B About fifty <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from Dover.

A What did you do?

B We stayed the night in a bed and  
<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and the next day we  
rented a car.

A Was the hotel in France nice?

B No, it was awful. I think they  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it about a hundred years  
ago, so it was very old.

A What about the weather?

B Well, we were in France, but the weather  
was <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ English.

A Oh. Did it rain every day?

B Yes, it did. We <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ coats all  
holiday, and we didn't see the sun once.

## 4 READING

a Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Pompeii? *It's in Italy.*
- 2 How many people lived there? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 When did people get up? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What did they have for breakfast? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What time did they have lunch? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Where did they wash? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 What did they often do in the evenings? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Why did life in Pompeii stop? \_\_\_\_\_

b Look at the highlighted words. What do you think they mean?  
Check with your dictionary.

### Pompeii – a town with a difference!

*On your next trip to Italy, why not visit the fantastic Roman town of Pompeii?*

In the past, twenty thousand people lived in Pompeii in big houses with big gardens. The Romans built roads in the town and there were many public places like baths, amphitheatres, banks, and markets.

There wasn't any electricity and people got up with the sun. For breakfast they had bread and cheese. People started work very early and stopped at twelve o'clock for a lunch of fish, bread, cake and fruit. In the afternoon people went to watch the gladiators or to the public baths to wash and meet friends. In the evening they often had dinner parties – they were an important part of Roman life.

But life in Pompeii stopped in 79 AD when the volcano Vesuvius erupted. Today you can see the town exactly as it was nearly two thousand years ago.



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