

Pre intermediate Insight Unit 2 (vocabulary and grammar)

1 Write a word according to the definition

- a) a building where people come to pray . _____
- b) a place where people go to buy and sell things _____
- c) an institution for the incarceration of people convicted of serious crimes, usually felonies _____
- d) a building with a stage where people go to watch plays _____
- e) An extremely dry area with little water and few plants _____
- f) a rounded, elevated area of land smaller than a mountain _____
- g) a large body of water surrounded by land _____
- h) A stream of water that falls from a high place _____
- i) large body of water completely or partly surrounded by land _____
- j) a large area of land covered with trees _____

2 Complete the text with the antonyms of the words in brackets.

A new ghost town in Vancouver?

Vancouver is a two-million city in Canada and a very ¹ _____ (unpopular) tourist destination. But researchers are saying that some parts of the city might soon become ghost towns. A recent study has revealed that almost 15% of apartments in Coal Harbour, a ² _____ (old) neighbourhood in Vancouver's centre, are ³ _____ (crowded). The area is very ⁴ _____ (messy) and ⁵ _____ (dangerous), with glass high-rise towers and ⁶ _____ (narrow) streets. The harbour is always ⁷ _____ (quiet) and full of people. There are lots of ⁸ _____ (dirty) cafés and restaurants, where people can spend their afternoons. So why are the apartment buildings empty? Many say it's because of the high cost of real estate, and local people just can't afford to live there. Will this area turn into another ghost town? Only time will tell.

3 Complete the people's comments with the names of places in a town.

- 1) 'I go to the _____ after school to do my homework. It's quiet there and I can borrow any book I want.'
- 2) 'My favourite place in town is the _____. I come here every Saturday with my dad. We've already been to all the matches this season.'
- 3) 'Last weekend I went to a _____ for the first time. We saw a famous opera singer.'
- 4) 'My friends and I love going to the _____, especially when it rains. We either play basketball or go swimming in the large, indoor pool.'

- 5) 'When I finish school, I want to go to _____. My dream is to get a degree in science.'
- 6) 'My dad works at the _____. He sells train tickets.'
- 7) 'I'd love to go to a _____, but I'm too young at the moment. I think I would win a lot of money.'
- 8) 'My friend had an accident and had to stay in _____ for three days.'

4. Choose the correct answers.

- ¹ In 1997, Mr Seiji Kaya **started** / **was starting** the Small Kindness Movement
- ² Where **did you find** / **were you finding** the wallet?
- ³ I **walked** / **was walking** in the park with my friends, when a stranger **gave** / **was giving** me some flowers.
- ⁴ I was in a shop and I **wanted** / **was wanting** to pay for a bottle of water, but I **realized** / **was realizing** that I **didn't have** / **wasn't having** any money. A lovely lady behind me **paid** / **was paying** for my water!

5. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous tense.

In December 1990, Jeri Cox Chastain who 1 _____ (work) at a hospital in South Carolina at the time, 2 _____ (leave) her office to get something to eat. When she returned, she 3 _____ (notice) that her wallet 4 _____ (be) missing. Someone probably 5 _____ (come) in and 6 _____ (take) it while she 7 _____ (get) her lunch. 'I just assumed it was thrown in a dumpster somewhere', she said.

But a few days ago, Jeri 8 _____ (receive) a call from the police saying that someone 9 _____ (return) her wallet. The money 10 _____ (not / be) there, but the wallet still contained all her credit cards and a photo of her son.

6. Choose the correct answers.

- ¹ Sandwich, Massachusetts, got its name **when** / **while** the first settlers arrived in the 1630s. It wasn't named after their love of sandwiches, but after the seaport of Sandwich, Kent, England.

- 2 **When / While** a farmer was travelling through a small town in Florida, he noticed that local residents used eggs to buy goods in the local shop. This is why the town is called Two Egg.
- 3 There are many stories about why a small fishing village in Michigan is called Hell, but the most popular one is about two German travellers. **When / As** they arrived in the town, they said that it was 'So shoene und hell' (a bright and beautiful day). **When / While** the locals heard this, they decided to name it Hell.
- 4 **While / When** a group of convicts escaped from prison in 1871, they got into a conflict with a group of lawman. **As / When** they were fighting, a lot of people lost their lives. This is where Convict Lake in California got its name from.