

POMPEII

In AD 79, Pompeii was a large town in Italy, with a population of about 20,000. On the evening of August 24th, there was a very big volcanic eruption. The eruption destroyed the town.



This is how Pompeii looks today. It's an open-air museum and it's very popular with tourists. The town is in ruins, but you can still see the remains of the ancient streets and houses. You can imagine life two thousand years ago! You can also see people preserved by the boiling volcanic ash with terrified expressions on their faces.

Before the eruption, Pompeii was a very busy town, and the people were rich. There were shops, squares, schools and markets. There was an enormous amphitheatre – a type of sports stadium. The amphitheatre was a very important place in the town. On special days it was full of people, gladiators and lions. It wasn't a very safe place to go!



Look at the pictures. Where is Pompeii? Can you find **Reading** An information text these things in the pictures?

ruins gladiator volcano eruption ash amphitheatre

2.14 Read the text.

Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Correct the false ones.

- 1 There is a large volcano near Pompeii. **T F**
- 2 There are a lot of museums in Pompeii. **T F**
- 3 You can still see a lot of the old town. **T F**
- 4 The amphitheatre is often full of lions and gladiators. **T F**

Complete the examples from the text **was/were, there was/were**

	Singular	Plural
+	Pompeii ... a very busy town. There ... an enormous amphitheatre.	The shops and markets were always busy. There ... shops and markets.
-	It ... a safe place to go. There wasn't a swimming pool.	The people ... rich. There weren't any shops.
?	Was the amphitheatre in the centre? Yes, it was . / No, it wasn't . Was there a swimming pool? Yes, there was . / No, there wasn't .	Were the people rich? Yes, they were . / No, they weren't . Were there any shops? Yes, there were . / No, there weren't .