

READING CHECK

1 Match the sentences with the people in Chapter 1.



Caius Lepidus ☐



Spurius ☐



Felix ☐



Petrus ☐



Cassia ☐



Flavia ☐

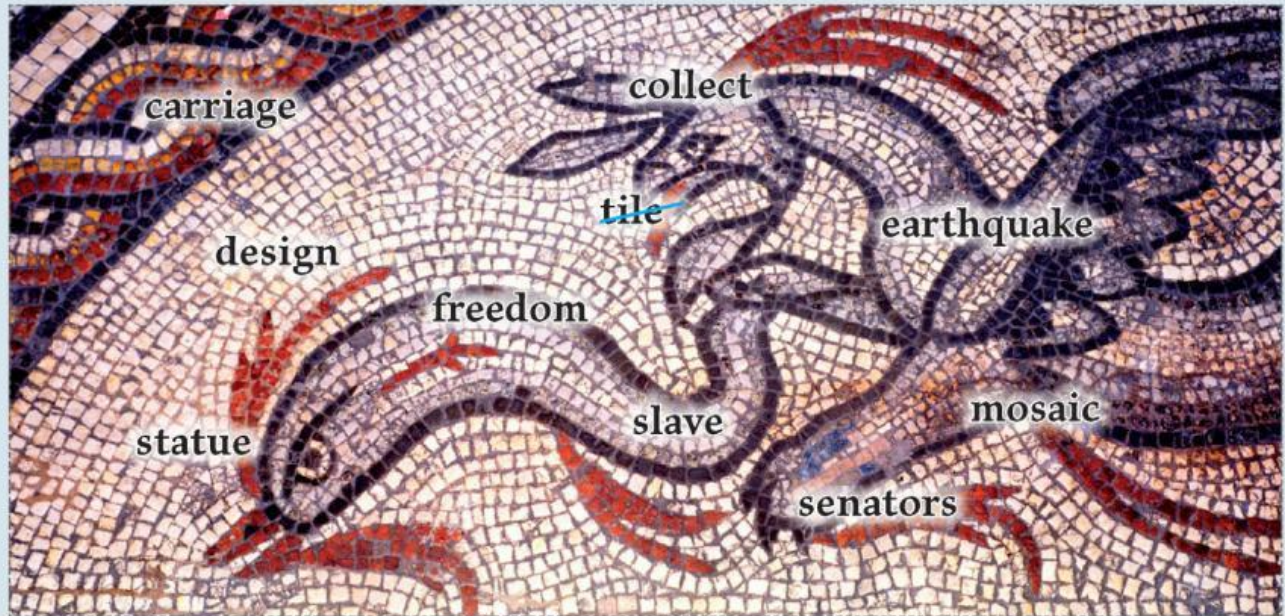
- a** He's Spurius's slave, and he designs and makes mosaics.
- b** He's a freed man who works for Spurius and makes mosaics.
- c** He's a Roman senator, the owner of the house where Felix has just finished a mosaic.
- d** She's Spurius's daughter and she's in love with one of his workers.
- e** He owns 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.	☐	☐

WORD WORK

Complete the sentences with the words from the mosaic.



- a There's a brokentile..... 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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READING CHECK

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**

WORD WORK

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.



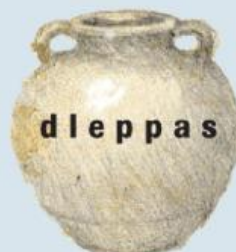
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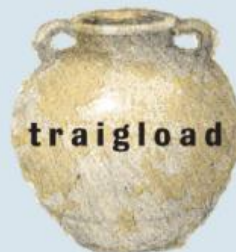
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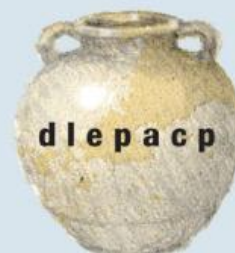
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GUESS WHAT

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.