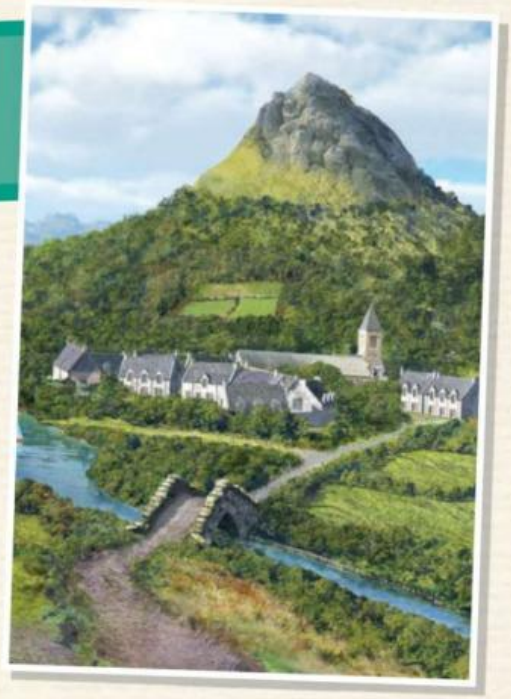
Reading: a story

1 **Read the story. Then complete the summary with the words from the box.**

The Strange Tale of Jim Garry's Mountain



It was the mayor who saw it first. 'Another beautiful morning,' he said to himself as he opened his curtains. 'Wait a moment. Jim Garry's Mountain is …'

It was all the villagers could talk about. 'How can we climb it now?' they asked. Everyone was very worried, so they met in the Town Hall that evening to discuss the problem. 'Thank you all for coming,' said the mayor. 'Now as you know, Jim Garry's mountain is …'

'It's not just Jim Garry's Mountain,' said a voice.

An old man near the door stood up. His long hair and beard were grey.

'Excuse me,' said the mayor, 'this meeting is for the people of the village only.'

'Don't you want to know what's happening? Why there is no water in the river and no grass in the fields?'

'What are you talking about? We are here to talk about where our mountain went.'

'Everything is going because you don't look after it. You must care for the world around you, Mayor. That is all I want to say. Good evening to you.'

The villagers were more interested in who the man was than what he had to say. Nobody noticed that the forests, fields, lakes and islands were not there any more. The only thing left in the village was the Town Hall and the people in it.

mountain Town Hall mayor people ~~village~~ rivers

One morning, the mayor of the (1) ___village___ finds that the (2) _____ is not there. The (3) _____ of the village are very worried. They have a meeting in the (4) _____. At the meeting, an old man that nobody knows says why everything is going from the village – the trees, the (5) _____, the lakes. The (6) _____ is not very happy with the old man. The old man leaves and the people talk about him. They do not notice what is happening around them.

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Writing 2

1 **Match the story types with the definitions.**

1 comedy
2 history
3 fantasy
4 romance
5 science fiction

a a story about something that happened in the past
b a story about things that aren't real or things that can't happen, e.g. a story in which people can fly
c a story that makes you laugh
d a story about technology, the future and space
e a story about people who fall in love

Help with Writing

Try to make your readers interested in your story. One way to do this is to give them a question they want to find the answer to. For example, the opening sentence of 'The Strange Tale of Jim Garry's Mountain' is 'It was the mayor who saw it first.' The writer doesn't tell us what 'it' is, so we want to read on to find out.

2 **You are going to write a short story about something strange that happens in a village. You must write it in the past simple. Before you write your story, plan it by making notes about the following:**

- The type of story (e.g. science fiction, fantasy).
- The characters.
- The plot.

3 **Now write your short story. Use 'The Strange Tale of Jim Garry's Mountain' and your notes from Activity 2 to help you.**

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