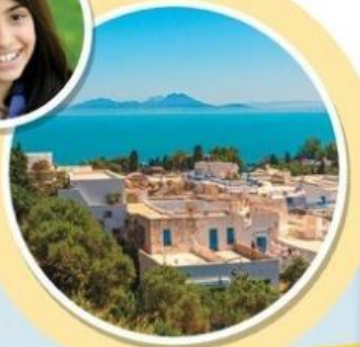


## Reading and Writing

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- 6 Listen and read.  204 Why are the houses in Matmata interesting?

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SUBJECT Matmata visit!

Hi! I'm visiting Matmata with my family. Matmata is a small town in Tunisia. The houses in Matmata are interesting because they're underground. You climb down stairs to the houses. It's very hot in Tunisia, but it's colder underground. Lots of people visit Matmata to see the underground houses. There are underground hotels in Matmata, too!

This is a living room in an underground house. There are white walls and there's a coffee table. There's a rug on the floor. There are rugs on the walls, too. There isn't a lot of furniture. People sit on cushions because there aren't any chairs. There aren't any windows because the house is underground. I like the houses in Matmata!

- 7 Read again. Then circle the correct words.

- 1 Matmata is a big / small town.
- 2 It's very hot / cold in Tunisia.
- 3 There's a rug on the floor / roof.
- 4 There isn't a coffee table / sofa in the living room.

- 8 **Writing focus** Join the sentences with *because*.

- 1 Lots of people visit Matmata because the houses there are interesting.
- 2 The houses in Matmata are interesting \_\_\_\_\_ they're underground.
- 3 The houses are underground \_\_\_\_\_ it's colder underground.
- 4 People sit on cushions \_\_\_\_\_ there aren't any chairs.

**Look!** We use *because* to say why something is true.