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Level 3

Pompeii thieves say relics are cursed

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

The ancient city of Pompeii near Naples, Italy, receives hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. It is one of Italy's top tourist destinations. Most tourists leave the 2,000-year-old site with happy memories, photos and souvenirs. However, some visitors take more. They take historic relics from the city – things like small statues, stones or mosaic tiles. However, many of these people are now regretting their actions. They say the relics are cursed and have filled their lives with bad luck since bringing them home. A senior official at Pompeii said he has had hundreds of packages from across the world from people returning what they had taken. Many people apologised and wrote stories about their bad luck.

The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters about some of the stories he had received. One man from Latin America explained that his life was full of traumas after he got home from Italy with a small tile he had put in his pocket. A person from Spain returned five packages containing stolen items, including a bronze statue that went missing in 1987. The writer complained that the statue had put, "a curse on his entire family". Mr Osanna is thinking about setting up an exhibition of all the letters he has received. He explained that the letters might be more interesting than the relics. He said: "It's not that the stolen pieces are highly interesting or valuable. It's more the letters."

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/italy/11932368/Pompeii-pilferers-punished-with-a-curse-from-the-gods.html>
<http://www.thelocal.it/20151013/pompeii-thieves-claim-relics-are-cursed>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pompeii>

WARM-UPS

1. OLD CITIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about old cities. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

ancient / tourists / destinations / memories / souvenirs / historic relics / packages / stories / trauma / stolen / statue / complained / exhibition / interesting / valuable

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TOURIST DESTINATIONS: Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	How good is it?	Why do people visit it?
Pompeii		
Statue of Liberty		
Great Wall of China		
Machu Picchu		
The Pyramids		
Sydney Opera House		

4. NO-GO AREAS: Students A **strongly** believe ancient sites should be no-go areas – people should not be allowed inside them; Students B **strongly** believe everyone should be allowed in. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CITIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best cities for tourists at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Naples
- London
- Sydney
- Rio
- New York
- Tokyo
- Cairo
- Bangkok

6. TOURIST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tourist". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The article says Pompeii receives millions of visitors a year. | T / F |
| b. Pompeii is over 3,000 years old. | T / F |
| c. People had bad luck after stealing things from Pompeii. | T / F |
| d. People returned relics along with letters of apology. | T / F |
| e. A Latin American man said he got lots of good luck from Pompeii relics. | T / F |
| f. A Spanish man complained about being cursed by a golden statue. | T / F |
| g. A Pompeii official wants to set up an exhibition of the letters. | T / F |
| h. The official said the letters are more interesting than the relics. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. ancient | a. said sorry |
| 2. tourists | b. sent back |
| 3. relics | c. top |
| 4. senior | d. sightseers |
| 5. apologised | e. upsets |
| 6. received | f. whole |
| 7. traumas | g. very old |
| 8. returned | h. precious |
| 9. entire | i. got |
| 10. valuable | j. objects |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The ancient | a. official |
| 2. hundreds of thousands | b. tourist destinations |
| 3. one of Italy's top | c. of all the letters |
| 4. They say the relics | d. valuable |
| 5. A senior | e. are cursed |
| 6. a bronze | f. city of Pompeii |
| 7. put a curse | g. than the relics |
| 8. setting up an exhibition | h. statue |
| 9. more interesting | i. of tourists |
| 10. highly interesting or | j. on his entire family |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

The (1) _____ city of Pompeii near Naples, Italy, receives hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. It is one of Italy's top tourist (2) _____. Most tourists leave the 2,000-year-old site with happy memories, photos and (3) _____. However, some visitors take more. They take historic relics from the city – things like small (4) _____, stones or mosaic tiles. However, many of these people are now (5) _____ their actions. They say the relics are cursed and have filled their lives with bad luck since bringing them home. A (6) _____ official at Pompeii said he has had hundreds of (7) _____ from across the world from people returning what they had taken. Many people apologised and wrote stories about their (8) _____ luck.

regretting
destinations
statues
packages
ancient
bad
senior
souvenirs

The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters about some of the stories he had (9) _____. One man from Latin America explained that his life was (10) _____ of traumas after he got home from Italy with a small tile he had put in his (11) _____. A person from Spain returned five packages (12) _____ stolen items, including a bronze statue that went missing in 1987. The writer complained that the statue had put, "a (13) _____ on his entire family". Mr Osanna is thinking about setting up an (14) _____ of all the letters he has received. He explained that the letters might be more interesting than the (15) _____. He said: "It's not that the stolen pieces are highly interesting or (16) _____. It's more the letters."

pocket
received
curse
relics
full
containing
valuable
exhibition

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It is one of Italy's top _____
 - a. tourist destination
 - b. touristy destinations
 - c. tourist destinations
 - d. touristy destination
- 2) They take historic relics from the city – things like small statues, stones _____
 - a. or mosaic tie ails
 - b. or mosaic tails
 - c. or mosaic tiles
 - d. or mosaic toils
- 3) They say the relics are cursed and have filled their lives _____
 - a. within bad luck
 - b. with bad luck
 - c. wither bad luck
 - d. withered bad luck
- 4) A senior official at Pompeii said he has had _____
 - a. hundreds off packages
 - b. hundreds for packages
 - c. hundreds from packages
 - d. hundreds of packages
- 5) Many people apologised and wrote stories about _____
 - a. their bad luck
 - b. their bad lucks
 - c. their bad lucky
 - d. their bad lucked
- 6) The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters about some of the stories _____
 - a. he has received
 - b. he have received
 - c. he heard received
 - d. he had received
- 7) One man from Latin America explained that his life was _____
 - a. full of traumas
 - b. full of traumatic
 - c. full off traumas
 - d. full of dramas
- 8) A person from Spain returned five packages _____
 - a. contain in stolen items
 - b. contained in stolen items
 - c. containing in stolen items
 - d. containing stolen items
- 9) The writer complained that the statue had put a curse on _____
 - a. his entire family
 - b. his entirely family
 - c. his yen tire family
 - d. his Zen tire family
- 10) It's not that the stolen pieces are highly interesting _____
 - a. or valuables
 - b. nor valuable
 - c. ore valuable
 - d. or valuable

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

The (1) _____ Pompeii near Naples, Italy, receives hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. (2) _____ Italy's top tourist destinations. Most tourists leave the 2,000-year-old site (3) _____, photos and souvenirs. However, some visitors take more. They take historic relics from the city – things like small statues, stones or mosaic tiles. However, many of these people (4) _____ their actions. They say the relics are cursed and have (5) _____ with bad luck since bringing them home. A senior official at Pompeii said he has had hundreds of packages from across the world from people returning what (6) _____. Many people apologised and wrote stories about their bad luck.

The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters (7) _____ stories he had received. One man from Latin America explained that (8) _____ traumas after he got home from Italy with a small tile he had put in his pocket. A person from Spain returned (9) _____ stolen items, including a bronze statue that went missing in 1987. The writer complained that the statue had put, "(10) _____ family". Mr Osanna is thinking about setting up an exhibition (11) _____ he has received. He explained that the letters might be more interesting than the relics. He said: "It's not that the stolen (12) _____ interesting or valuable. It's more the letters."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

1. How many tourists does Pompeii get every year?

2. How old is the ancient city of Pompeii?

3. What part of mosaics do tourists take?

4. How do many people now feel about taking the relics?

5. What kind of stories have people been writing and sending to Pompeii?

6. Where was the man from whose life was filled with traumas?

7. What was the statue made of that the Spanish man took?

8. What did a statue put on a man's family?

9. What does Mr Osanna want to set up?

10. What did Mr Osanna say was more interesting than the relics?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

1. How many tourists does Pompeii get every year?
 - a) hundreds of thousands
 - b) hundreds of millions
 - c) a hundred thousand
 - d) thousands and thousands
2. How old is the ancient city of Pompeii?
 - a) 3,500 years old
 - b) 3,000 years old
 - c) 2,000 years old
 - d) 2,500 years old
3. What part of mosaics do tourists take?
 - a) faces
 - b) the centre
 - c) frames
 - d) tiles
4. How do many people now feel about taking the relics?
 - a) good
 - b) they regret it
 - c) happy
 - d) depressed
5. What kind of stories have people been writing and sending to Pompeii?
 - a) bad luck stories
 - b) long ones
 - c) funny ones
 - d) short stories
6. Where was the man from whose life was filled with traumas?
 - a) Spain
 - b) Australia
 - c) the USA
 - d) Latin America
7. What was the statue made of that the Spanish man took?
 - a) marble
 - b) gold
 - c) bronze
 - d) plaster
8. What did a statue put on a man's family?
 - a) good luck
 - b) a curse
 - c) a medal
 - d) a proud feeling
9. What does Mr Osanna want to set up?
 - a) a charity
 - b) a foundation
 - c) an exhibition
 - d) a city called New Pompeii
10. What did Mr Osanna say was more interesting than the relics?
 - a) Naples
 - b) letters
 - c) tourists
 - d) history

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

Role A – London

You think London is the best city to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): New York, Tokyo or Cairo.

Role B – New York

You think New York is the best city to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): London, Tokyo or Cairo.

Role C – Tokyo

You think Tokyo is the best city to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): New York, London or Cairo.

Role D – Cairo

You think Cairo is the best city to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): New York, Tokyo or London.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ancient' and 'city'.

ancient	city
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• near• top• photos• now• since• wrote	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latin• pocket• Spain• family• setting• valuable
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OLD CITIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about old cities in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

OLD CITIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tourists'?
- 3) What do you know about Pompeii?
- 4) What famous old places have you visited?
- 5) How important are archaeological sites?
- 6) What do you think about what you read?
- 7) What are your favourite tourist destinations?
- 8) What do you think of people taking things from Pompeii?
- 9) Do you believe in things like good and bad luck?
- 10) What things have you done that you later regretted?

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OLD CITIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think about the stories in the second paragraph?
- 13) What traumas have you had in life?
- 14) Are you generally a lucky or unlucky person?
- 15) Should the people who stole things from Pompeii be arrested?
- 16) What do you think of the idea of an exhibition of the letters?
- 17) When was the last time you wrote a letter of apology?
- 18) What advice do you have for people who visit Pompeii?
- 19) Do you think the letters or the relics would be more interesting?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the official at Pompeii?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) ancient | (b) scented | (c) Arctic | (d) lost |
| 2. | (a) above | (b) over | (c) top | (d) summit |
| 3. | (a) memory | (b) memorable | (c) memories | (d) memorise |
| 4. | (a) trials | (b) tails | (c) toils | (d) tiles |
| 5. | (a) filling | (b) fills | (c) filled | (d) filler |
| 6. | (a) took | (b) taken | (c) taking | (d) takes |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) by | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) was | (b) got | (c) be | (d) had |
| 9. | (a) inclusive | (b) included | (c) including | (d) includes |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) in | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) being | (b) been | (c) was | (d) be |
| 12. | (a) much | (b) many | (c) most | (d) more |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

Paragraph 1

1. The tnnaeic city of Pompeii
2. one of Italy's top tourist oteantisdnsi
3. happy memories, photos and nsoersuvi
4. small eustsat, stones or mosaic tiles
5. A senior aiffcloi at Pompeii
6. hundreds of kapsgaec

Paragraph 2

7. his life was full of aatsmru
8. The writer ciomlnpead that...
9. his einert family
10. setting up an boiitxnehi
11. the stolen seicpe
12. highly interesting or lavauelb

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () statues, stones or mosaic tiles. However, many of these people are now regretting their actions. They say the relics are
- () from Latin America explained that his life was full of traumas after he got home from Italy with a small tile he had put
- () and souvenirs. However, some visitors take more. They take historic relics from the city – things like small
- () than the relics. He said: "It's not that the stolen pieces are highly interesting or valuable. It's more the letters."
- () in his pocket. A person from Spain returned five packages containing stolen items, including a bronze
- (**1**) The ancient city of Pompeii near Naples, Italy, receives hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. It is one
- () The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters about some of the stories he had received. One man
- () official at Pompeii said he has had hundreds of packages from across the world from people returning
- () of Italy's top tourist destinations. Most tourists leave the 2,000-year-old site with happy memories, photos
- () statue that went missing in 1987. The writer complained that the statue had put, "a curse on his entire
- () what they had taken. Many people apologised and wrote stories about their bad luck.
- () family". Mr Osanna is thinking about setting up an exhibition of all the
- () letters he has received. He explained that the letters might be more interesting
- () cursed and have filled their lives with bad luck since bringing them home. A senior

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. is tourist one destinations of Italy's It top .

2. old the site 2,000- with happy memories year- Tourists leave .

3. small statues Historic relics from the city - things like .

4. relics luck lives have are with filled cursed The bad their and .

5. packages from across the world He has had hundreds of .

6. of traumas after he got home His life was full .

7. packages items stolen . five Returned containing

8. put on family had curse entire statue a his The .

9. exhibition an up Setting received has he letters the all of .

10. more the The be than might interesting relics letters .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

The *ancient / ancestor* city of Pompeii near Naples, Italy, receives hundreds of *thousands / thousand* of tourists every year. It is one of Italy's *topped / top* tourist destinations. Most tourists leave the 2,000-year-old site with happy *memory / memories*, photos and souvenirs. However, some visitors take *more / most*. They take historic relics from the city – things *like / alike* small statues, stones or mosaic tiles. However, many of these people are now *regrets / regretting* their actions. They say the relics are cursed and have *filled / filling* their lives with bad luck since bringing them home. A senior official at Pompeii said he has had hundreds of packages from across the world from people returning *what / that* they had taken. Many people apologised and wrote *stories / story* about their bad luck.

The senior official, Massimo Osanna, told reporters *around / about* some of the stories he had received. One man from Latin America explained that his life *was / had* full of traumas after he got home from Italy with a small tile he *has / had* put in his pocket. A person from Spain returned five packages containing *stolen / stealing* items, including a bronze statue that *gone / went* missing in 1987. The writer complained that the statue had put, "a curse *in / on* his entire family". Mr Osanna is *thinking / thought* about setting up an exhibition of *all / whole* the letters he has received. He explained that the letters might be *most / more* interesting than the relics. He said: "It's not that the stolen pieces are *highly / high* interesting or valuable. It's more the letters."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _nc__nt c_ty _f P_m_p___ n__r N_pl_s, _t_ly,
r_c__v_s h_n_d_r_d_s _f th__s_n_d_s _f t__r_sts _v_ry
y__r. _t _s _n_ _f _t_ly's t_p t__r_st d_st_n_t__ns.
M_st t__r_sts l__v_ th_ 2,000-y__r-_ld s_t_ w_th
h_ppy m_m_r__s, ph_t_s _nd s__v_n_rs. H_w_v_r,
s_m_ v_s_t_r_s t_k_ m_r_. Th_y t_k_ h_st_r_c_r_l_cs
fr_m th_ c_ty - th_n_g_s l_k_ sm_ll st_t__s, st_n_s _r
m_s__c_t_l_s. H_w_v_r, m_ny _f th_s p__pl_ _r_n_w
r_gr_t_t_n_g th__r _ct__ns. Th_y s_y th_ r_l_cs _r_
c_rs_d _nd h_v_ f_ll_d th__r l_v_s w_th b_d l_ck s_nc_
br_n_g_n_g th_m h_m_. _s_n__r _ff_c__l_t P_m_p___
s__d h_ h_s h_d h_n_d_r_d_s _f p_ck_g_s fr_m _cr_ss th_
w_rld fr_m p__pl_ r_t_rn_n_g wh_t th_y h_d t_k_n.
M_ny p__pl_ _p_l_g_s_d _nd wr_t st_r__s _b__t th__r
b_d l_ck.

Th_ s_n__r _ff_c__l, M_ss_m_ _s_nn_, t_ld r_p_r_t_r_s
_b__t s_m_ _f th_ st_r__s h_ h_d r_c__v_d. _n_m_n
fr_m L_t_n_m_r_c_ _xpl__n_d th_t h_s l_f_w_s f_ll _f
tr__m_s _ft_r h_ g_t h_m_ fr_m _t_ly w_th _ sm_ll
t_l_ h_ h_d p_t_n h_s p_ck_t. _p_rs_n fr_m Sp__n
r_t_rn_d f_v_ p_ck_g_s c_nt__n_g st_l_n _t_ms,
_ncl_d_n_g _br_nz_ st_t__ th_t w_nt m_ss_n_g _n 1987.
Th_ wr_t_r c_mpl__n_d th_t th_ st_t__ h_d p_t, "
c_rs_ _n h_s _nt_r_ f_m_ly". Mr _s_nn_ _s th_nk_n_g
_b__t s_t_t_n_g _p _n _xh_b_t__n _f _ll th_ l_t_t_rs h_
h_s r_c__v_d. H_ _xpl__n_d th_t th_ l_t_t_rs m_ght b_
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v_l__bl_. _t's m_r_ th_ l_t_t_rs."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151017-pompeii.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Nobody should be allowed into ancient cities. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Pompeii. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OLD CITIES: Make a poster about old cities. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POMPEII RELICS: Write a magazine article about the stolen relics of Pompeii. Should people be paid for returning the relics? Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Pompeii. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep it in good condition for another 2,000 years. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. ancient | a. very old |
| 2. tourists | b. sightseers |
| 3. relics | c. objects |
| 4. senior | d. top |
| 5. apologised | e. said sorry |
| 6. received | f. got |
| 7. traumas | g. upsets |
| 8. returned | h. sent back |
| 9. entire | i. whole |
| 10. valuable | j. precious |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Hundreds of thousands
2. 2,000 years old
3. Tiles
4. They regret it
5. Bad luck stories
6. Latin America
7. Bronze
8. A curse
9. An exhibition
10. The letters

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)