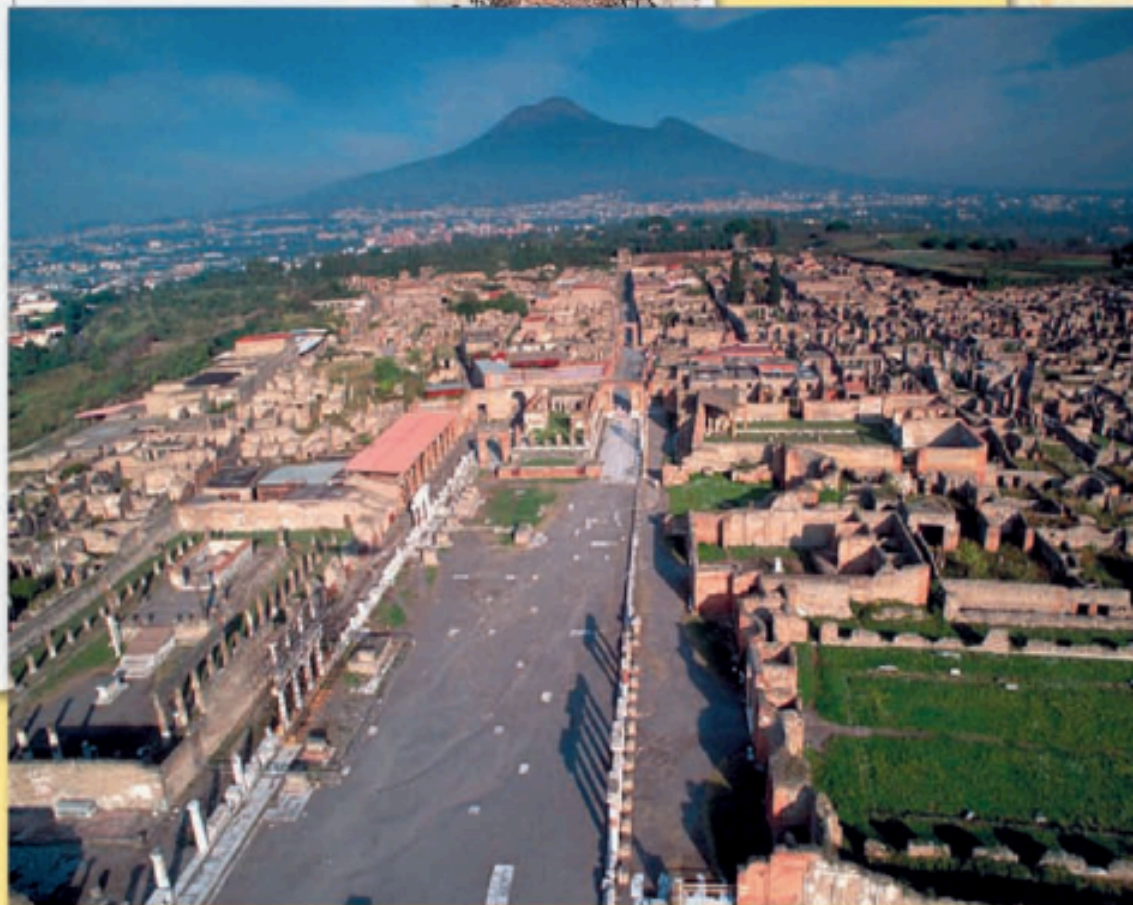


Dear All,

Italy, May 18th

Nature peaceful? Forget it! Mount Vesuvius is the most threatening thing I've ever seen. Yesterday, it was huffing and puffing clouds of smoke. So it was closed to visitors. Today we were in Pompeii. The ruins are impressive and feel as though the Romans have only just left. Mind you, I don't think the ruins will be here for ever. I saw an idiot hacking off and stealing a piece of mosaic. I only took photos.

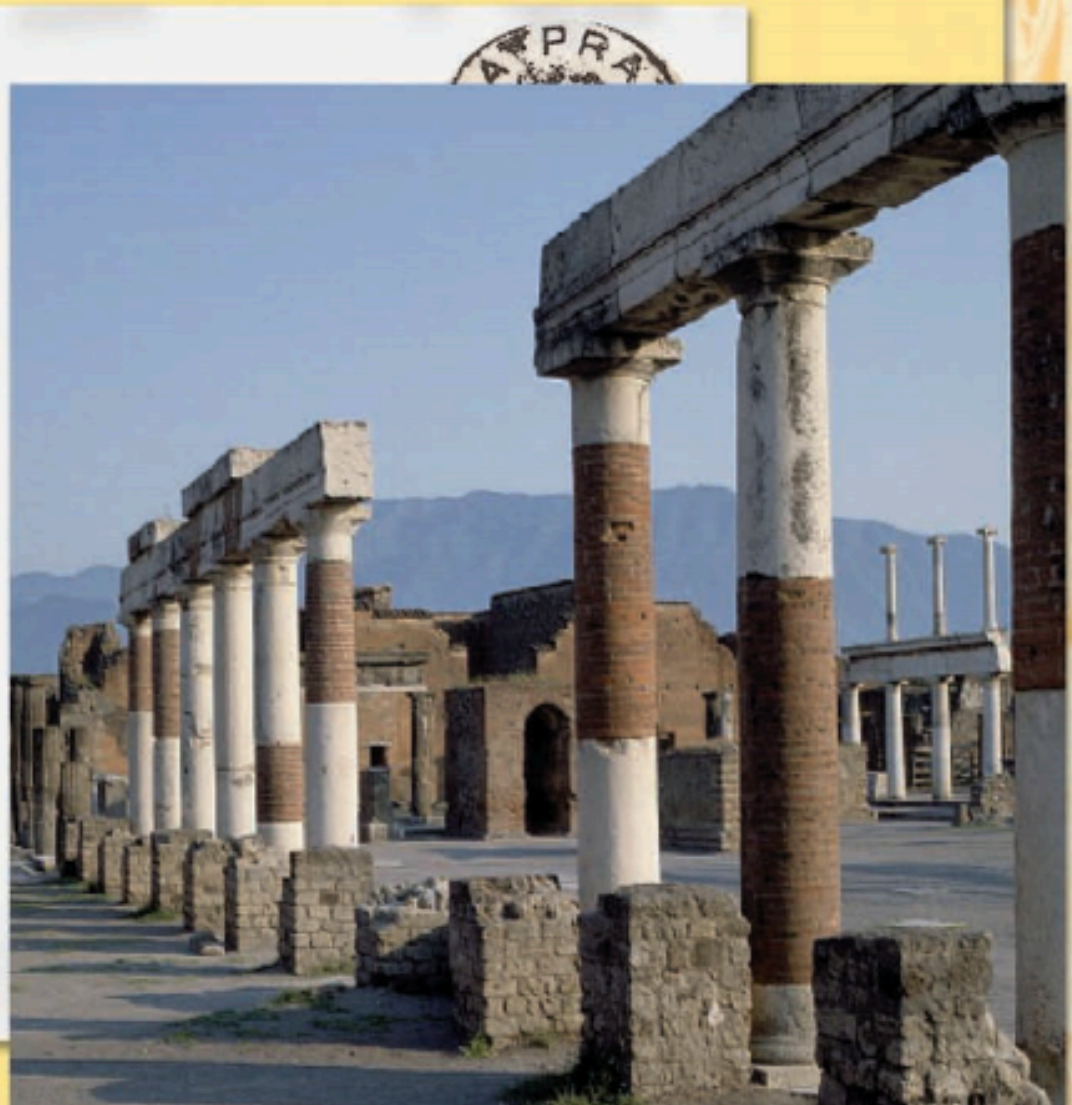
Cheers, Neena



Pompeii, 19th May

Had a great day at Pompeii yesterday. Saw Roman villas, paintings, pots, even food preserved from the day the volcano covered the town. Climbed up one of the walls to get a bird's-eye view – bit wobbly, but worth the effort. Had a great piece of luck – found a loose piece of mosaic tile and slipped it in my pocket as a souvenir – no one noticed. See you soon,

Lisa



Answer these questions in full sentences in your orange book:

1. Who wrote these postcards? How do you know?
2. Did the two writers visit at a similar time of year? How do you know?
3. What did Neema see that made her upset?
4. What do you think the word “hack” means in this context? Where else have you heard the word used?
5. What did Lisa describe as a “great piece of luck”?
6. Given these two pieces of information, do you think Neema and Lisa feel the same way about looking after historic places? Why?
7. Do you agree more with Neema or more with Lisa? Why?

1. Who wrote these postcards? How do you know? **Neema and Lisa**
2. Did the two writers visit at a similar time of year? How do you know? **Yes, because the dates on them are two days apart**
3. What did Neema see that made her upset? **Someone hacking off some mosaic**
4. What do you think the word “hack” means in this context? Where else have you heard the word used? **Here it means cut with rough blows. You often hear it about getting into a computer without permission. Some people use it to mean a shortcut or trick.**
5. What did Lisa describe as a “great piece of luck”? **Finding a piece of mosaic that she could take home.**
6. Given these two pieces of information, do you think Neema and Lisa feel the same way about looking after historic places? Why? **No, because Neema was concerned about the mosaic being damaged and Lisa was happy to take some home.**
7. Do you agree more with Neema or more with Lisa? Why? **Own thoughts and reasons**