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# Teacher's Copy

## Spelling

### Looking for the past



#### Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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## Looking for the past

Anything can become lost, including something as  
\_\_\_\_\_ *large* \_\_\_\_\_ as a city...

### Lost Cities

Can you \_\_\_\_\_ *imagine* \_\_\_\_\_ London ever disappearing? It  
seems \_\_\_\_\_ *unlikely* \_\_\_\_\_. But, in the past, cities that  
were once homes to thousands of people were abandoned.  
Cities have been left after the people who lived in them were  
defeated by \_\_\_\_\_ *enemies* \_\_\_\_\_. Others were  
\_\_\_\_\_ *destroyed* \_\_\_\_\_ by natural disasters.

One of these was the city of Pompeii, in ancient Rome, which  
was lost when it was \_\_\_\_\_ *hidden* \_\_\_\_\_ beneath the ash  
from a volcano.



Although \_\_\_\_\_ *whole* \_\_\_\_\_ cities have been lost, small items have also been buried and have disappeared more often.

## **Buried Treasure**

Throughout history, \_\_\_\_\_ *searches* \_\_\_\_\_ have taken place for lost treasure. This can involve \_\_\_\_\_ *digging* \_\_\_\_\_ at particular sites where valuable objects may be buried.

Amateurs using metal detectors have even uncovered

\_\_\_\_\_ *expensive* \_\_\_\_\_ things. There are also hunts for

\_\_\_\_\_ *collections* \_\_\_\_\_ of treasure lost in ships sunk at sea.

Scientists can use special equipment to look for treasure under

water. There are \_\_\_\_\_ *tales* \_\_\_\_\_, for example, of lost

pirate treasure buried in the coves of the Caribbean islands.

It is not only treasure that \_\_\_\_\_ *might* \_\_\_\_\_ be lost at sea,

but ships too...

## **Shipwrecks**

Ships that have set sail, but failed to arrive at their destination,

have always fascinated historians. The most \_\_\_\_\_ *famous* \_\_\_\_\_

case of a sunken ship is the *Titanic*. Among the less well known

cases is the *Mary Celeste*. It set sail from New York in November

1872 and was \_\_\_\_\_ *found* \_\_\_\_\_ a month later, but it was

empty. Everyone on board had vanished.

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