READING CHECK

1 Match the sentences with the people in Chapter 1.

- Calus Lepidus
- Spurius
- Felix
- Petrus
- Cassia
- Flavia

a He's Spurius's slave, and he designs and makes mosaics.
b He's a freed man who works for Spurius and makes mosaics.
c He's a Roman senator, the owner of the house where Felix has just finished a mosaic.
d She's Spurius's daughter and she's in love with one of his workers.
e He owns a mosaic business and Felix and Petrus work for him.
f She's Spurius's wife. She's often angry with her husband.

2 Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

- The story starts in Rome in the home of a senator. [ ] True [ ] False
- Spurius and Felix are working together to finish a mosaic. [ ] True [ ] False
- Spurius and Felix are collecting Petrus when there's an earthquake. [ ] True [ ] False
- Spurius gives Felix his freedom after the young man saves his life. [ ] True [ ] False
- Cassia is angry that Spurius gave Felix his freedom. [ ] True [ ] False
- Cassia wants their daughter, Flavia, to marry Petrus. [ ] True [ ] False

WORD WORK

Complete the sentences with the words from the mosaic.

- There's a broken ........ tile ........ in the kitchen floor. Can you mend it?
- The .............. of our new house is both modern and comfortable.
- This .............. of a dog is made of more than one thousand small tiles.
- Roman .............. were old men from rich families.
- There's a large .............. of a famous writer in the town square.
- Many people died in the .............. in Haiti in 2010.
- He worked as her .............. doing all the work without making any money.
- People should have the .............. to choose where they live.
- I must go and .............. my children from school now.
- The queen was riding in a gold .............. pulled by six white horses.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three boxes.

- Petrus and Flavia ask Spurius if they can marry each other. [ ] True [ ] False
- Spurius decides not to give Felix his freedom. [ ] True [ ] False
- Cassia tells Flavia that she must marry Felix. [ ] True [ ] False
- There's a large earthquake in Rome that kills many people. [ ] True [ ] False
- Some visitors from Pompeii arrive to see Felix's mosaics. [ ] True [ ] False
- Petrus thinks of a plan to make Cassia hate Felix. [ ] True [ ] False