

**READING CHECK**

Tick the boxes to complete the sentences.

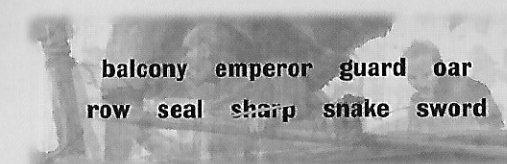
- a** As Alcander and Felix ride to ... , they see the cloud of ash is blowing south.  
 1  Pompeii      3  Rome  
 2  Misenum
- b** On the road to Neapolis, they speak to some ... who think they are crazy.  
 1  farmers      3  slaves  
 2  guards
- c** Felix's horse hurts its ... and can't go any further.  
 1  neck      3  foot  
 2  tail
- d** When they reach Misenum, they are dirty and ... .  
 1  exhausted      3  drunk  
 2  excited
- e** Gaius Plinius's guards don't want to let them into the ... .  
 1  ship      3  house  
 2  hall

- f** After Gaius Plinius reads the letter, he decides to take his ships to ... .  
 1  Herculaneum      3  Stabiae  
 2  Rome
- g** Felix goes on a ship, but ... has to stay in Misenum.  
 1  Gaius Plinius      3  Pliny  
 2  Alcander
- h** Gaius Plinius sends his nephew to Rome to tell the ... about Vesuvius.  
 1  Admiral      3  Emperor  
 2  gods
- i** The ships can't ... Herculaneum because of the wild sea.  
 1  reach      3  see  
 2  leave
- j** They sail further south and Felix thinks that Agathe is ... .  
 1  free      3  safe  
 2  dead

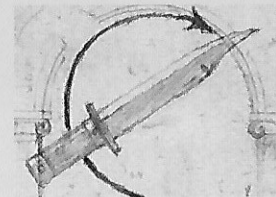


**WORD WORK**

Label the pictures with the words from Chapter 8.



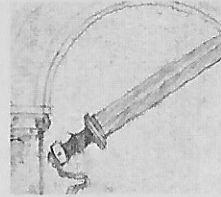
balcony emperor guard oar  
 row seal sharp snake sword



**a** ..... sharp .....



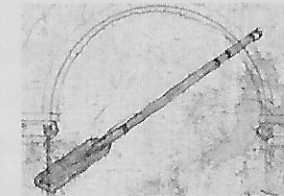
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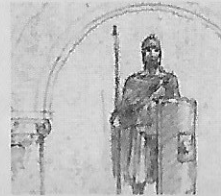
**c** .....



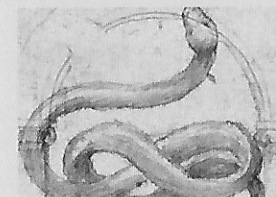
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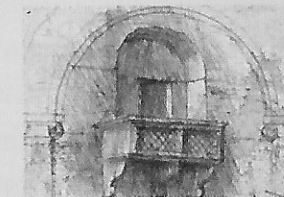
**e** .....



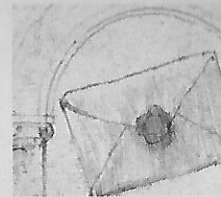
**f** .....



**g** .....



**h** .....



**i** .....

**GUESS WHAT**

What happens in the next chapter? Match the two halves of each sentence.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>a</b> Gaius Plinius              | <b>1</b> stay in Herculaneum.                     |
| <b>b</b> A sailor in Stabiae        | <b>2</b> get into a small boat.                   |
| <b>c</b> Agathe                     | <b>3</b> hits Rectina and she falls into the sea. |
| <b>d</b> Petrus and Bassus          | <b>4</b> goes south in the boat alone.            |
| <b>e</b> Festus, Rectina and Agathe | <b>5</b> dies on the beach at Stabiae.            |
| <b>f</b> Festus                     | <b>6</b> sees a small boat in the sea.            |