

**READING CHECK**

Tick the correct answers.

- a** Why do Petrus and Bassus stay on the beach at Herculaneum?
- Because Petrus can't swim.
  - Because Bassus can't walk.
  - Because Rectina tells them to wait there.
- b** Why does Agathe go with Festus and Rectina?
- Because Petrus tells her to.
  - Because Rectina orders her to.
  - Because Bassus asks her to.
- c** Where does Festus find the small boat?
- In the garden of his house.
  - On the beach.
  - In the port.
- d** What happens to Festus and Rectina?
- They want to swim to Stabiae.
  - Agathe pushes them out of the boat.
  - They fall out into the sea.
- e** What happens to Gaius Plinius on the beach at Stabiae?
- He sails his ships away.
  - He sleeps inside one of his ships.
  - He dies on the beach because he can't breathe.
- f** What has happened to Pompeii when Felix wakes up on the ship?
- It has disappeared under stones and ash.
  - It has disappeared into the sea.
  - All the people there have escaped to the beaches.
- g** What does a sailor see coming towards the ships?
- A huge wave.
  - A cloud of smoke and ash.
  - A small silver boat.



**Pompeii today. It was buried under metres of ash and rocks in AD 79.**

**WORD WORK**

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words above the volcano.



- a** We looked round the pretty little .... *grotto* .... in the garden.
- b** I'm too ill to go out. I've got a cold and a bad .....
- c** There was no wind, so our boat ..... into the port.
- d** The two brothers ..... when they met after twenty years.
- e** ..... fell from her eyes as she watched the film's sad ending.
- f** What time does the sun ..... in the morning?
- g** It's a soldier's ..... to fight for his or her country.

**GUESS WHAT**

What happens in Chapter 10? Match the phrases to make sentences.

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| <b>a</b> The sailors         | <b>1</b> becomes               | <b>i</b> Spurius's business partner. |
| <b>b</b> Felix and Agathe    | <b>2</b> like                  | <b>ii</b> and have children          |
| <b>c</b> Alcander            | <b>3</b> find Agathe           | <b>iii</b> in the rowing boat        |
| <b>d</b> Felix               | <b>4</b> get married           | <b>iv</b> in Rome.                   |
| <b>e</b> Flavia and Alcander | <b>5</b> is at Spurius's house | <b>v</b> each other.                 |