

# Spotlight 6

## Module 7

Now and then



clean

busy

beautiful

crowded

ugly

polluted

deserted

quiet



What is a ghost town?

- a) a town ghost live in
- b) a town which does not exist any more
- c) a town in which people lived but now there aren't any

## Mineral Park - The Ghost Town

Mineral Park is a town in the United States. It is called 'a ghost town' because no one lives there anymore. It was a different town in the past though.

In 1871, 700 people lived in Mineral Park. There was a school, lots of shops, a post office, saloons, a doctor's, a hotel, a restaurant, and even a weekly newspaper. It was a very busy town with lots of people but no cars. People travelled by train and on horses.

Lots of the people from Mineral Park worked in the mines. After work they liked to spend their free time in the saloons and restaurants. Everyone was happy and wealthy but all that stopped.

After 1887 Mineral Park started to change into a quiet town. Many families moved to other towns and the shops closed down. Some people tried to stay but there was nothing for them to do. By 1912, the town was nearly empty. Today, there are only a few ruined buildings left. People still visit Mineral Park though to get an idea of what life was like in the past.

# Past Simple

(regular verbs)

- actions in the past

+

I / you / we / they / he / she / it

Verb + ed

-

I / you / we / they / he / she / it

didn't Verb

?

Did I / you / we / they / he / she / it Verb ?

Yes, I did.

No, I didn't.

Yes, he did.

No, he didn't

Yes, they did.

No, they didn't

## Time adverbials

yesterday

last night / week / year

three days ago

## The verb 'to be'

I/he/she/it was

We/you/they were



Rewrite the sentences, using the words in brackets

Sharon moves to San Francisco (last month)

The town is busy (50 years ago)

His father works in a mine (in 1995)

She often visits her grandma (yesterday)

Put the verbs into the correct group

[d]

[t]

[id]

want

open

wash

work

carry

cook

need

clean

watch

play

visit

travel

listen

start

Use the verbs to make sentences about yourself.

visit

listen

dance

walk

travel

wash

start

cook

want

open

work

play

watch

clean

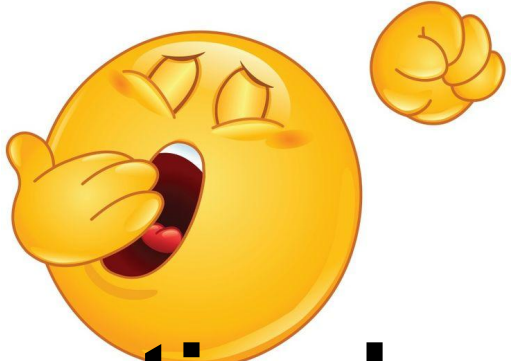
last night

yesterday

last weekend

last summer

yesterday afternoon



**tired**



**worried**



**excited**



**bored**



**scared**



**stressed**



**miserable**



**puzzled**





tired

How do you feel when ...

excited

worried

you have an exam?

you are alone in the dark?

you are on holiday?

stressed



miserable

you don't understand something?

you work for a long time?

you have nothing to do?

bored

puzzled

scared



It was Halloween night so my brothers and I decided to go trick-o-treating. We were very excited.

By the time we got to the last house in the street, it was very late and we were tired. The house looked empty, but we knocked anyway. The door opened on its own. Although we were scared, we decided to go in and have a look. Suddenly, we heard a loud noise and a huge creature jumped out in front of us.

"Don't be afraid, it's just an owl," said a voice from behind us.

We turned around and saw an old lady at the bottom of the stairs. She rushed over and introduced herself.

"Hello, I'm Mrs Shade. Let me give you some treats you naughty little ghosts!"

When we finally got home, our Mum was very worried.

"Where were you?" she shouted, the moment we walked in.

"Don't worry mum. We were at Mrs Shade's house, you know the big one at the end of the street. She gave us treats and..."

Mum looked puzzled. "What on earth are you talking about?" she said. "Mrs Shade died ten years ago"

**True (T), False (F) or Doesn't say (DS)?**

The children's costumes were scary. **DS**

There was an owl in the house. **T**

The old lady offered the children some treats. **T**

Mum believed the children's story. **F**



Fill in the past tense form of the verbs



be

turn

decide

see

have

rush

get

introduce

knock

shout

answer

walk

open

give

hear

die

jump

say

Use the verbs to complete the sentences

The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ a scream in the dark.

Mara \_\_\_\_\_ a strange creature at the window.

The children \_\_\_\_\_ back late at night.

Tom \_\_\_\_\_ something to his friend.

Ann \_\_\_\_\_ a scary feeling when she saw the empty house.

Fill in the past tense form of these verbs



meet

leave

read

keep

drink

come

make

eat

find

go

spend



Listen and match the people to where they were yesterday



Tony

a) restaurant

Ann

b) doctor's

Mary

c) post office

John

d) park

Bill

e) train station



How much do you know about Walt Disney?



Walt Disney was born in ...

A) the USA  B) the UK C) Australia

He sold his first drawing at the age of ...

A) 10 B) 7  C) 20

He received ... Academy awards in his lifetime

A) 2 B) 32  C) 12

He made ... films while he was alive

A) 91 B) 41 C) 81





Most people know all about Mickey Mouse. Mickey is the most famous cartoon character at all times but what about his father, Walt Disney?

Walt Elias Disney was born on December 5th 1901 in Chicago Illinois. He liked drawing from an early age and he sold his first sketches to his neighbours when he was only seven years old. In August 1923 he left for Hollywood. He had only \$40 with him. His brother Roy lived in California and together they started the now famous Disney Brothers studio in their uncle's garage.

Walt created his most famous character Mickey Mouse in 1928. Mickey appeared in the first sound cartoon, Steamboat Willie the same year. Walt won the first of his 32 Academy awards in 1932 for the film Flowers and Trees. Over the next five years Walt Disney made some of his most popular films such as, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Pinocchio, Fantasia, Dumbo and Bambi. He made 81 films in total while he was alive.

Walt Disney died in 1966. His work lives on today with each new generation enjoying his films and cartoons.

Early years

Later years

Name / famous for

Date of death



Who are the people in the pictures?  
What do they have in common?  
Who's your favourite?



Match the verbs to the nouns.  
What can these people do?

fly

do

see

fire

lift

move

through  
walls

wonders

buildings

fast

in the sky

heat  
vision





A blue uniform, red trunks, red boots, and a long flowing red cape. Tall, strong, invisible. Kind, smart, just! Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a train! Able to leap from building to building at a single bound! That's Superman, our most favourite superhero!

Superman was created in 1933. His real 'parents' were high school students Jerry Siegel and and Joe Shuster from Cleveland, Ohio. Jerry and Joe were rather shy and unpopular at school, so they made up a superhero to live a life of fantasy through him.

As the story goes, Superman comes from dying planet Krypton. His parents sent him to Earth in a rocket in order to save him. The rocket landed in Kansas near a town called Smallville. A couple of farmers found the boy, adopted him and named him Clark. As Clark grew older, he gained strength from the Sun. By the time he was an adult, he was able to fly, fire heat vision from his eyes and see through walls. From that point, he was Superman.

Superman is a symbol of the American dream. He is a man who tries hard and succeeds. He is also a classical hero who fights criminals and rescues the helpless. He is the superhero we all know and love!



Superman's creators:

Superman's planet:

Superman's parents:

Superman's clothes:

Superman is able to:

Superman is able to:



Where can you see lost property office?  
What can you do there?  
Read the dialogue. Which is Mr Sander's bag?



**Mr Sanders:** Excuse me. Is this the lost property office?  
**Office Clerk:** Yes. What can I do for you?  
**Mr Sanders:** I lost my bag and I would like to report it.  
**Office Clerk:** Where did you leave it?  
**Mr Sanders:** I think I left it on the 9 o'clock train from Leeds.  
**Office Clerk:** What does it look like?  
**Mr Sanders:** It is a big leather bag.  
**Office Clerk:** What colour is it?  
**Mr Sanders:** It's brown.  
**Office Clerk:** Does it have a handle?  
**Mr Sanders:** Yes, it does.  
**Office Clerk:** What was in it?  
**Mr Sanders:** Some clothes and a camera, a Nikon 325.  
**Office Clerk:** Ok... I have some bags over here. Do any of these look familiar?  
**Mr Sanders:** Yes, mine is the one in the corner.  
**Office Clerk:** Let's have a look inside to check... A couple of T-shirts and your camera. Here you are.  
**Mr Sanders:** Thank you very much!  
**Office Clerk:** You are welcome.