

Making Words

Directions: Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET PHRASE all these letters make?

Three-letter Words: 	Four-Letter Words:
Five-letter Words: 	Other words:

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 35 words!

Total words

Do you know the secret words?

Unscramble these letters:

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Clue: A messenger ran over 20 miles to deliver news of this, and then he dropped dead. But his feat lives on...

READ THE PASSAGE Think of one question you have about each paragraph.

Ephesus

Although tourists might think the best place to view Roman ruins would be the modern city of Rome, they would be mistaken. There is one city that helps visitors understand better than any other what it must have been like to live in the ancient Roman world. That city, in western Turkey, is Ephesus (EF-ih-sus). In Ephesus, visitors find fabulous ruins from around AD 100, such as the magnificent library and a theater that once seated 24,000 audience members. The ruins are among the best-preserved in the world and include houses, temples, and baths. Tourists can also visit ancient residences, complete with marble floors and frescoes painted on the walls.

Ephesus used to serve as an important trading center for the Roman Empire because it had access to the Aegean Sea. However, the river that led to the Aegean filled with silt, and today Ephesus is miles inland. The city was deserted in the Middle Ages. Visitors to Ephesus can walk down a Roman road and see buildings that the ancient Romans saw. They can appreciate feats of engineering that are still impressive, such as the incredible acoustics in the huge open-air theater. Here, Roman audience members once listened to classical plays and watched gladiators fight. At Ephesus today, tourists can experience the ancient Roman Empire in its most inspiring form.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Write a question you thought of while reading each paragraph.

SKILL PRACTICE Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- The author is mainly trying to _____.
 - inform readers how Ephesus has changed over time
 - persuade readers that Ephesus is the best place to see Roman ruins
 - entertain readers with a story about Ephesus
 - compare the ruins in Ephesus to the ruins in Rome
- Unlike Rome, the city of Ephesus _____.
 - was deserted in the Middle Ages
 - is still an important city
 - was a major center of the ancient Roman Empire
 - contains ancient ruins
- Which one best describes the author's attitude toward Ephesus?
 - The author is critical of Ephesus.
 - The author is upset that Ephesus was abandoned.
 - The author thinks Ephesus is important.
 - The author is pleased that visitors prefer Rome to Ephesus.
- One theme of the passage is that _____.
 - it is important today to visit spiritual centers
 - people can learn more from cities in the present than cities in the past
 - important civilizations developed near water
 - people can learn about the past by exploring ancient ruins