

# Fast Five

How many explanations can you come up with for what is happening in this picture?



# Fast Five Answers

Possible ideas:

-A storm is destroying a city in the sky.

-A magical city is disappearing.

-A magical city is appearing.

-A floating city is collapsing.



**Can I describe a setting?**

**This week we will use this image 'disappearing world' as our inspiration**



# What makes a good setting description?

A good description should create a clear image in the reader's mind by using:

- .powerful adjectives

- .similes ('as' or 'like' to make comparisons)

- .an appeal to some of the 5 senses (describe what you can see, hear, taste, touch and smell)



# Why is this setting description good?

The timeless city was crumbling in the sky. Its cobbled pavements were being torn apart by a powerful rumble that shook the ground. The brightness of the sun offered no comfort: the city was turning to dust. The inevitability of the scene was heartbreaking. One by one, each house faded into nothingness: its residents gone too. Despite there being no fire, the smell of burnt wood lingered in the cold air. A sense of helplessness swept across the innocent citizens: the magic that kept the city afloat had always worked like a dream. In the distance, a silhouette stood boldly in front of the sun. With his appearance, screams echoed from the remaining houses. Pleas for salvation were hurled at him; he did not move.

# Powerful adjectives

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# Simile

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# Senses

The timeless city was crumbling in the sky. Its cobbled pavements were being torn apart by a powerful rumble that shook the ground. The **brightness of the sun** offered no comfort: the city was turning to dust. The inevitability of the scene was heartbreaking. One by one, **each house faded into nothingness**: its residents gone too. Despite there being no fire, **the smell of burnt wood** lingered in the cold air. **A sense of helplessness** swept across the innocent citizens: the magic that kept the city afloat had always worked like a dream. In the distance, **a silhouette stood boldly in front of the sun**. With his appearance, **screams echoed** from the remaining houses. Pleas for salvation were hurled at him; he did not move.

## **A good description is balanced**

Only use adjectives, similes and descriptions of the senses where you need them: avoid overusing them. Add some details and tell a bit of the story within in the description.

# Depending on how confident you feel, choose one of the activities below:

## Red

With the 'disappearing world' in mind, create as many sentences of your own for each box.

<b>Powerful Adjectives</b>	<b>Similes</b>	<b>Senses</b>
A powerful rumble shook the ground.	The city now looked like a warzone.	The smell of ash filled the sky.

## **Yellow**

Write a paragraph which describes the setting in the 'disappearing world' image. Include at least one powerful adjective, simile and appeal to the senses.

## **Green**

Write a paragraph which describes the setting in the 'disappearing world' image. Include powerful adjectives, similes, appeals to the senses, colons and semicolons.