



### Story starter!

They had been away for so long, but now they had returned. This was their homecoming, and they had not expected it to be like this.

A fork of crystal-blue lightning licked across the sky, sending a shower of dust and rubble to the frozen ground as it struck a distant building.

He pulled the sledge behind him, its blades screeching and squeaking and scraping as he pulled it through the glistening, crunching snow behind him. His arms ached. Muscles screaming in defiance at the burden they must bear. They had been walking for so long. They couldn't give up now, not now they were so close.

The last time he was here, things were very different. It was almost unrecognisable now...





#### Question time!

- Who do you think the people are in the picture?
- Where have they been?
- How do you think they are feeling about their homecoming?
- What do you think might have happened to the city?
- What will the people do next?





# Sentence challenge!

Can you write 3 contractions in the sentences below?

He <u>could not</u> stop going. <u>They had</u> travelled for so many days now. He <u>had not</u> had a decent meal for weeks.





#### Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- He pulled the sledge through the snow.
- There was lightning in the sky.
- The air was cold.





## Perfect picture!

These people have had to move home, carrying their belongings in a sledge. If you had to move home, but could only take 10 items with you, what would they be? Draw or list them!