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The answer is:

**Italy**

From card #28  
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1. My question is:

**How far was Mount Vesuvius  
from Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **Six miles**

My question is:

**What sound did the people of Pompeii  
hear as the volcano erupted?**

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The answer is: **A huge blast**

My question is:

**Why did darkness fall when the  
volcano erupted?**

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The answer is: **Volcanic ash filled the air  
and blocked the sun.**

My question is:

**In what year did Mount Vesuvius erupt?**

The answer is: **A.D. 79**

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My question is: **What killed the people of Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **Poisonous gases and tons of hot ash that buried the city**

My question is:

**How many years was it until Pompeii was discovered?**

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The answer is: **1500**

My question is:

**In what year did they positively identify the ruins as those of the ancient city of Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **1763**

My question is: **How did they make a positive identification of Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **They unearthed ruins that contained an inscription that said the city was Pompeii.**

My question is: **What kind of scientists are studying the ruins of Pompeii?**

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The answer is:  
**Archaeologists**

My question is:

**What did the archaeologists find that helps us hear the voices of the lost people of Pompeii?**

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The answer is:  
**Graffiti on walls**

My question is:

**What did the archaeologists find that help us see how the people looked and how they dressed?**

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The answer is: **Frescoes**

My question is:

**What happened to the bodies of the people of Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **They were buried by ash. In time, they decayed and left empty spaces inside the hardened ash.**

My question is: **How did the empty spaces from the bodies help archaeologists?**

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The answer is: **They filled the empty spaces with plaster and made statues of the people and animals.**

My question is:  
**How were the houses in Pompeii heated?**

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The answer is: **They used smoky coal-burning heaters, candles, and oil lamps.**

My question is:  
**Why did some of their houses have large openings in their ceilings?**

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The answer is: **To let sunlight in and to collect rainwater for cooking and washing**

My question is:  
**What was found turned to stone in their ovens?**

The answer is: **Petrified loaves of bread**

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My question is: **Who were the slaves who were forced to fight each other to the death in front of crowds of people?**

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The answer is: **They were the gladiators.**

My question is:

**How do archaeologists know what the gladiators did?**

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The answer is: **They found their helmets, swords, and armor, as well as graffiti written about them.**

My question is:

**What did the archaeologists find that told them that the people enjoyed concerts and plays?**

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The answer is: **pipes, rattles, cymbals, and wall paintings of masks**

My question is:

**Where did the people take a bath, play, and visit?**

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The answer is: **The public bath houses**

My question is: **What was surprising about the toilets in Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **They had running water.**

My question is:

**What did the children use instead of pencil and paper?**

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The answer is: **sharp tools on wax-covered tablets**

My question is: **What were popular pets for children in Pompeii?**

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The answer is: **doves**

My question is:

**Where did people shop?**

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The answer is: **an outdoor market called the forum**

My question is: **Besides shopping, what else was done in the forum?**

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The answer is: **trials in court and worshipping Roman gods and goddesses**

My question is: **Who were two important Roman gods?**

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The answer is: **Apollo, the god of light, and Venus, the goddess of light**

My question is: **How were the streets of Pompeii paved?**

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The answer is: **cobblestones**

My question is: **In what country can you now find the ancient city of Pompeii and the destructive volcano, Mount Vesuvius?**