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BODIE – THE GHOST TOWN



**... etwas über die
Geisterstadt „Bodie“.**

... Lesestrategien.

**... leichte, echte Texte zu
verstehen.**

**... Alternativ-, Auswahl-
und Zuordnungsaufga-
ben zu lösen.**



Hier lerne ich ...

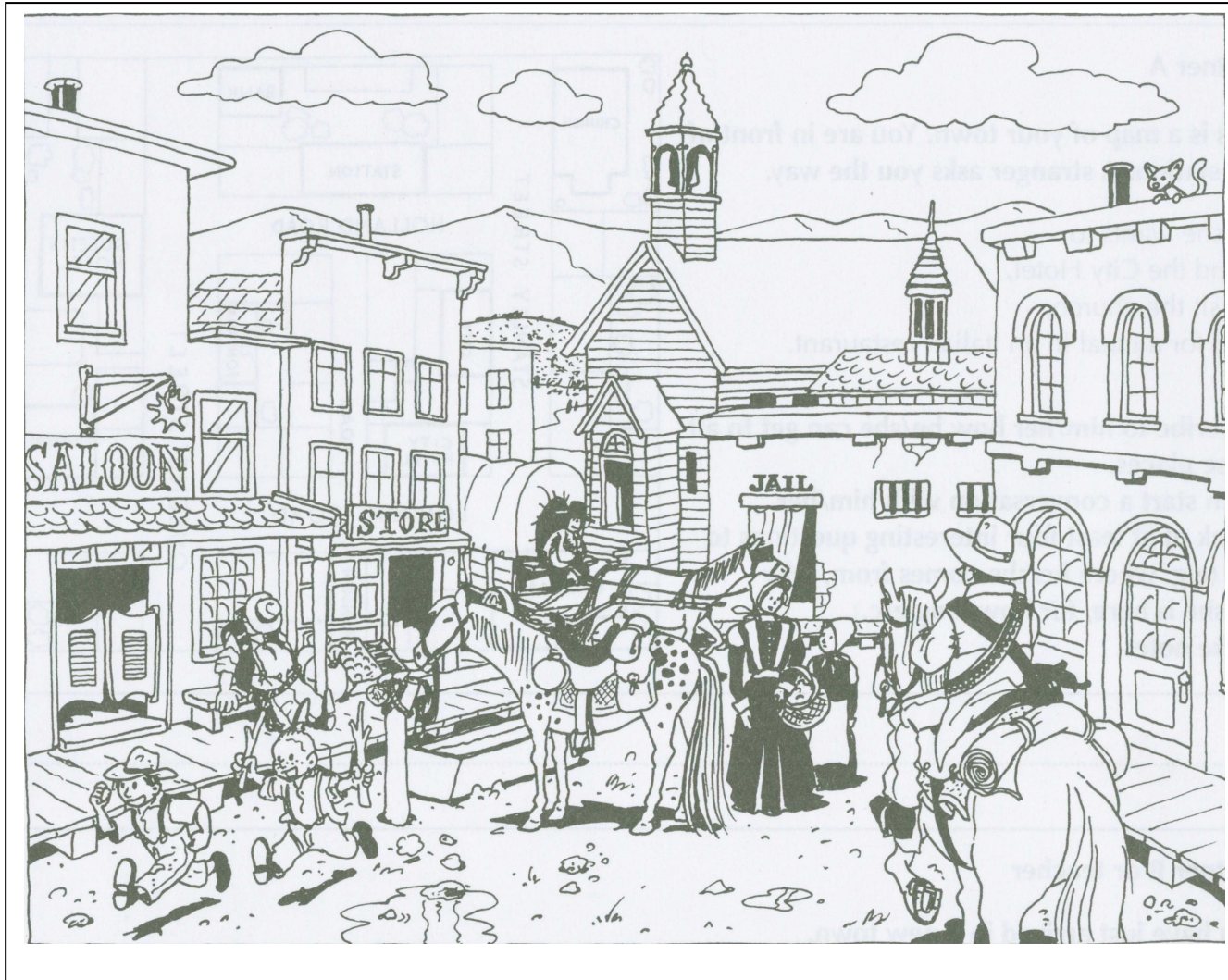
Durchführung des Bausteins:

1. Ich erledige die Aufgaben in der vorgegebenen Reihenfolge.
2. Ich notiere die Aufgabe in mein Heft.
3. Ich schreibe die Lösungen der Aufgaben ordentlich und in der richtigen Reihenfolge darunter.
4. Wenn ich alle Aufgaben erledigt habe, übergebe ich sie meinem/r Lehrer/in.
5. Ziel ist, dass ich so viel wie möglich alleine erledige.
6. Sollte ich Aufgabenstellungen nicht verstehen, hier ein paar Vokabelhilfen:

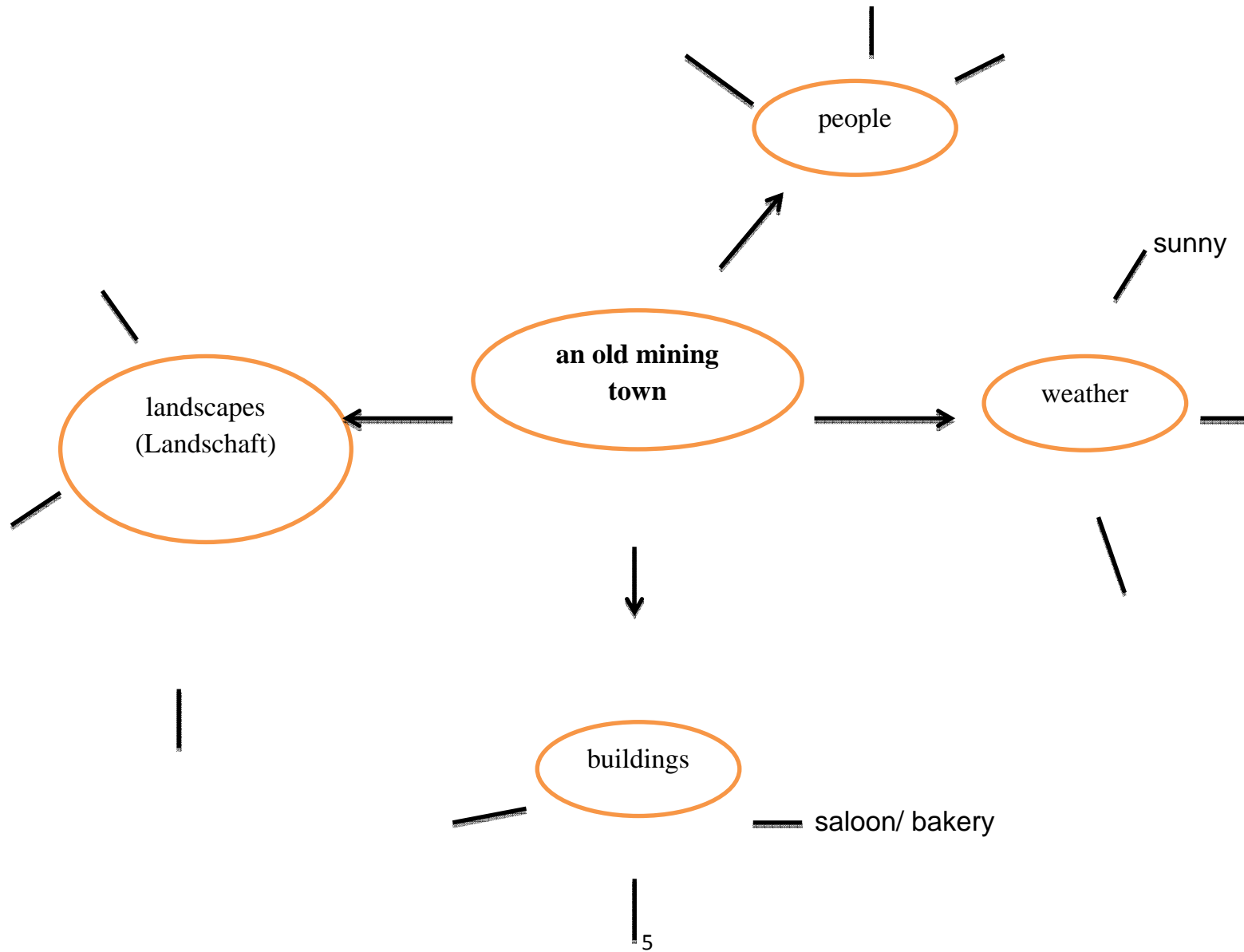
English	German
to turn sth. over	etw. umdrehen
to look sth. up	etw. suchen
to note sth. down	etw. notieren
to mark sth.	etw. markieren
to copy sth.	etw. abschreiben
to fill in sth.	etw. einfüllen/ergänzen
to sort sth.	etw. sortieren
an argument	ein Argument/ein Grund
to choose sth.	etw. auswählen
to skim	überfliegen (das erste Lesen des Textes)
to match	zuordnen

Task 1: What can you see in the picture?

a) Look at this picture of an old mining town in the US. Make a mind map for words and ideas.

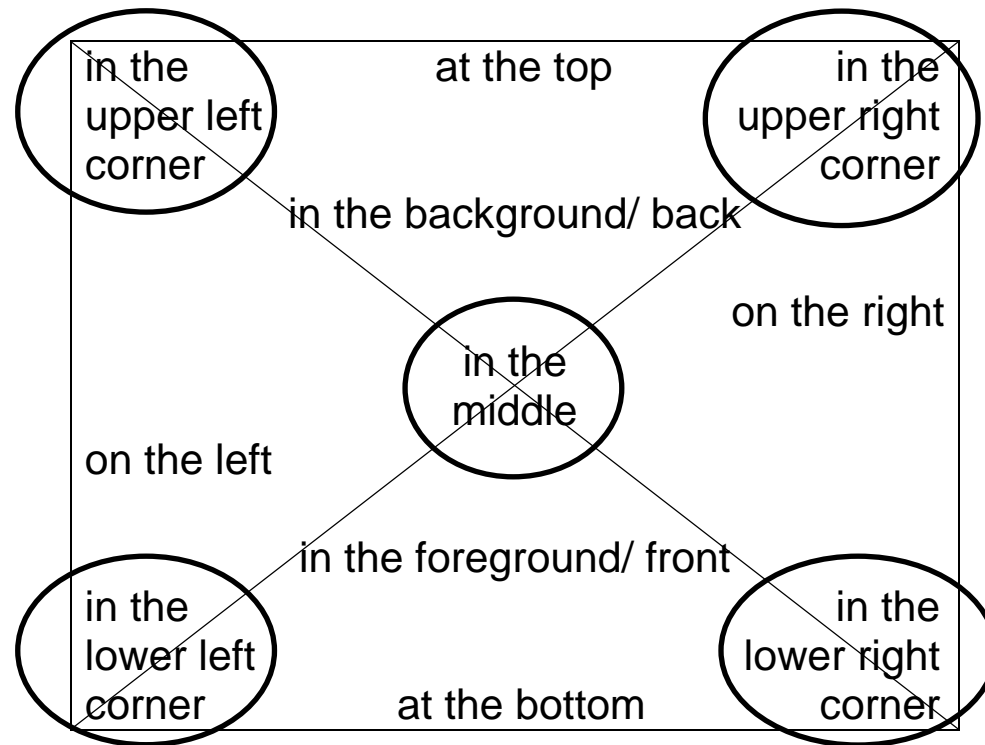


You can start your mind map like this:



b) Use your mind map to describe the picture. Use the expressions (sentence starters) from below. Write about 50 words.

Example: In the middle of the picture I can see a woman in a long dress.



Use these prepositions to be more concrete:

behind (hinter) • between (zwischen) • in front of (vor) • next to (neben) • under • over

Task 2: What do the picture and the heading (title) tell us?

In the next step you are going to read a newspaper article. Here are the heading and the picture.

- a) Write down what the heading means in German.
- b) Note down what you think the article is about (3-6 sentences).

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Task 3: Reading the article. Skim the text.

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- (1) The town of Bodie lies about 13 miles east of highway 395 in central California, but is not a normal town...
- (2) In 1859 a man called William S. Bodey discovered gold in the area and built a town there. The first houses were built in 1861 and the town soon began to grow. It started with about twenty miners, and in 1880 10,000 people lived there – families, miners, shopkeepers and criminals.
- (3) The town wasn't a very nice place. There wasn't much to do in Bodie, because the only reason for people to live there was to work in the gold mines. Life in Bodie was often dangerous. After work, the miners were so tired and bored that they would go directly to the saloon, where they would get very drunk and often fight with each other. It is said that a man was killed every day in the town.
- (4) Many workers became very rich because of the gold in Bodie, but soon there was no more gold left in the mines. In 1892, a large fire destroyed much of the town. Most people left Bodie and went to live somewhere else. Bodie quickly became a ghost town – a town with buildings but no people. In 1964, the government decided to make Bodie a national park to protect an important piece of American history.
- (5) Today, there are still about 200 buildings in Bodie and anyone can visit it. There are rangers in the park all year, and they are happy to tell tourists about the town and its history. The best thing about Bodie? It hasn't been changed for tourists. It is exactly the same as it was when the miners left at the end of the 19th century: a real American ghost town.



- a) **Read the article and mark about 8 words** that
- you don't understand
 - are new for you and/ or
 - you find interesting.
- b) **Look up your words in a dictionary.** Make a table and write down the German translation. Give the page of the dictionary. Write down infinitive form (*Grundform/Infinitiv*).

Example:

English	Infinitive	German	Page in the dictionary
<i>town</i>	-----	<i>Dorf</i>	<i>145</i>
<i>discovered</i>	<i>to discover</i>	<i>entdecken</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>first</i>	----	<i>erste</i>	<i>97</i>

- c) **In German.** Sum up (zusammenfassen) the text in 3-6 sentences.

Task 4: Scanning the article for information

a) Find the words in the text for:

1. a large American road: _____
2. a place where you find gold: _____
3. an area protected by the government: _____
4. someone who works in a national park: _____

b) Find your own definitions for these words. Write sentences.

1. miner: _____
2. shopkeeper: _____
3. saloon: _____
4. ghost town: _____

c) Fill in the grid. You find the answers in the text:

date	what happened
1859	
	first houses in Bodie
1880	
	a fire destroyed the town
end of 19 th century	
1964	
today	

d) Finish the sentences according to the text:

1. You can find the town of Bodie in _____
2. The town was built because _____
3. Bodie became a ghost town because _____

e) Match the sentences:

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| 1. Bodie wasn't a nice place to live... | a)... is that it hasn't been changed. |
| 2. Life was often dangerous... | b)... so most people left the town. |
| 3. After about 30 years... | c)... because miners got drunk and fought. |
| 4. A large fire destroyed much of Bodie... | d)... because there was nothing to do there. |
| 5. The best thing about Bodie... | e)... there was no more gold left. |

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Task 5: Asking the way

This is a map of a ghost town in the US. You are in front of the station. A tourist asks you the way. He wants to:

- find the old school,
- visit the old church,
- take a picture of the saloon.

Explain the way to the tourist.

