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CALIFORNIA

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 ...

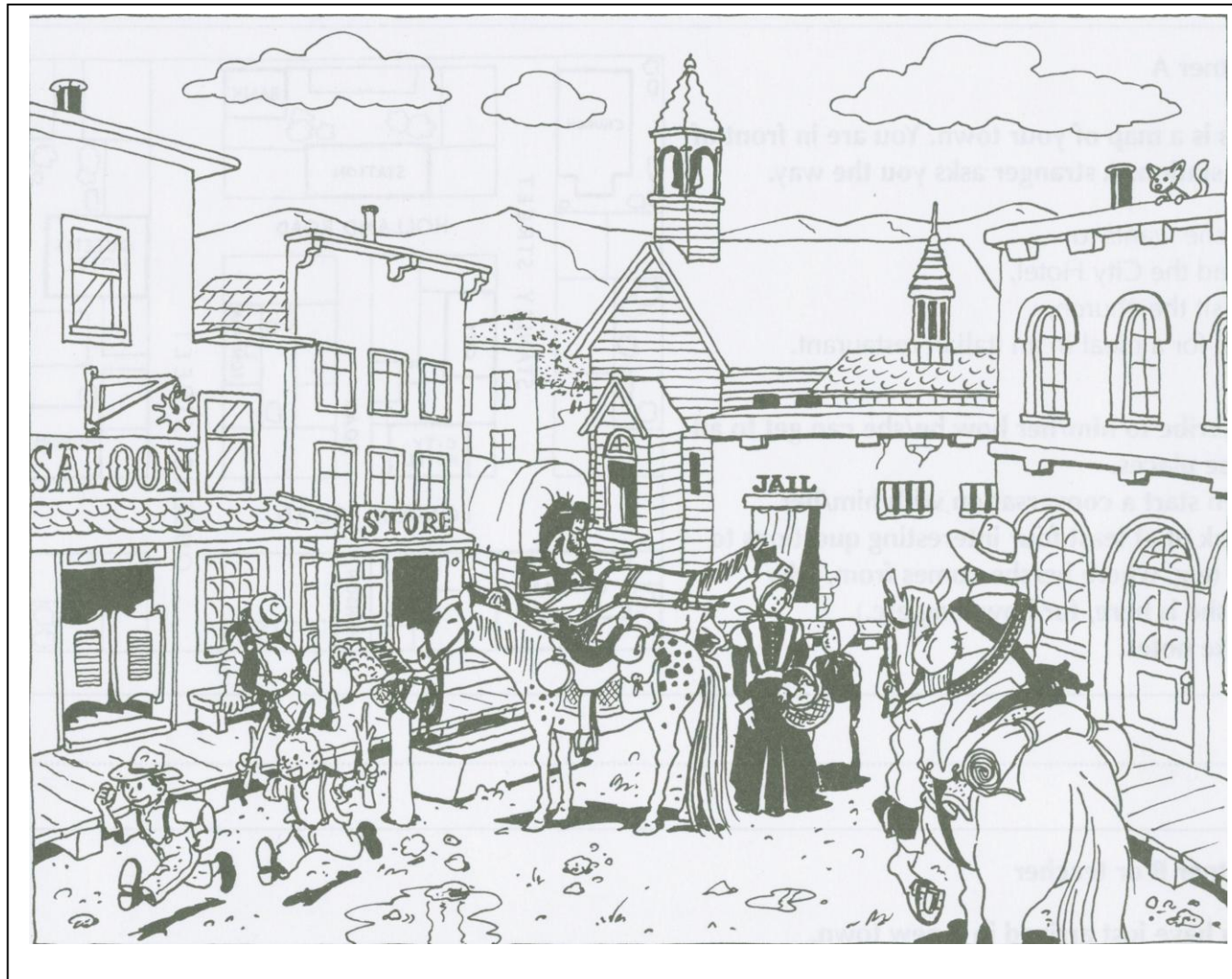
Durchführung des Bausteins:

1. Ich erledige die Aufgaben in der vorgegebenen Reihenfolge.
2. Ich notiere die Aufgaben 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:

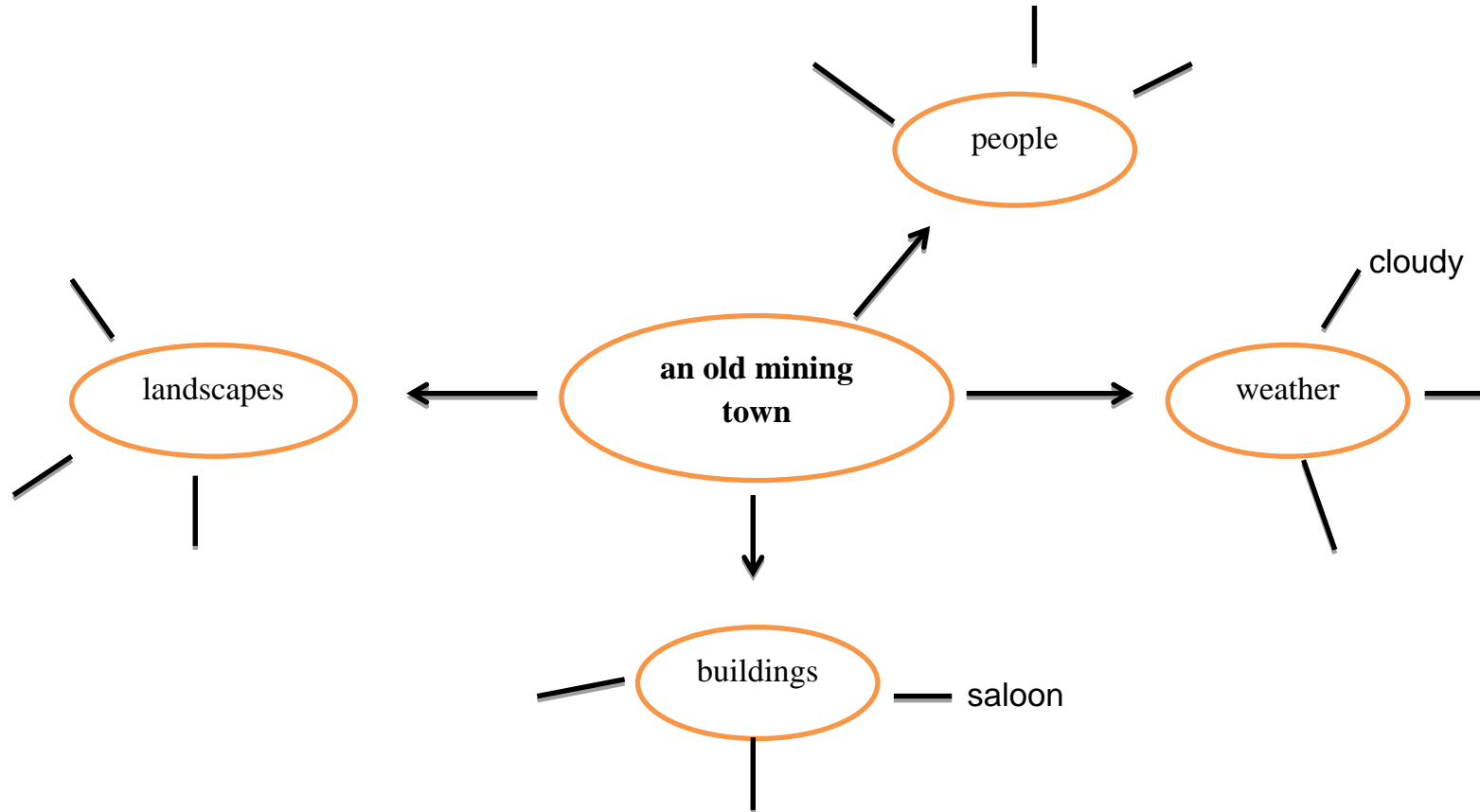
English	German
to turn sth. over	etw. umdrehen
to look sth. up	etw. suchen
to note sth. down	etw. notieren
to mark sth.	etw. markieren
to copy sth.	etw. abschreiben
to fill in sth.	etw. einfüllen/ergänzen
to sort sth.	etw. sortieren
an argument	ein Argument/ein Grund
to choose sth.	etw. auswählen

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 into your folder. You will find help on the next page!

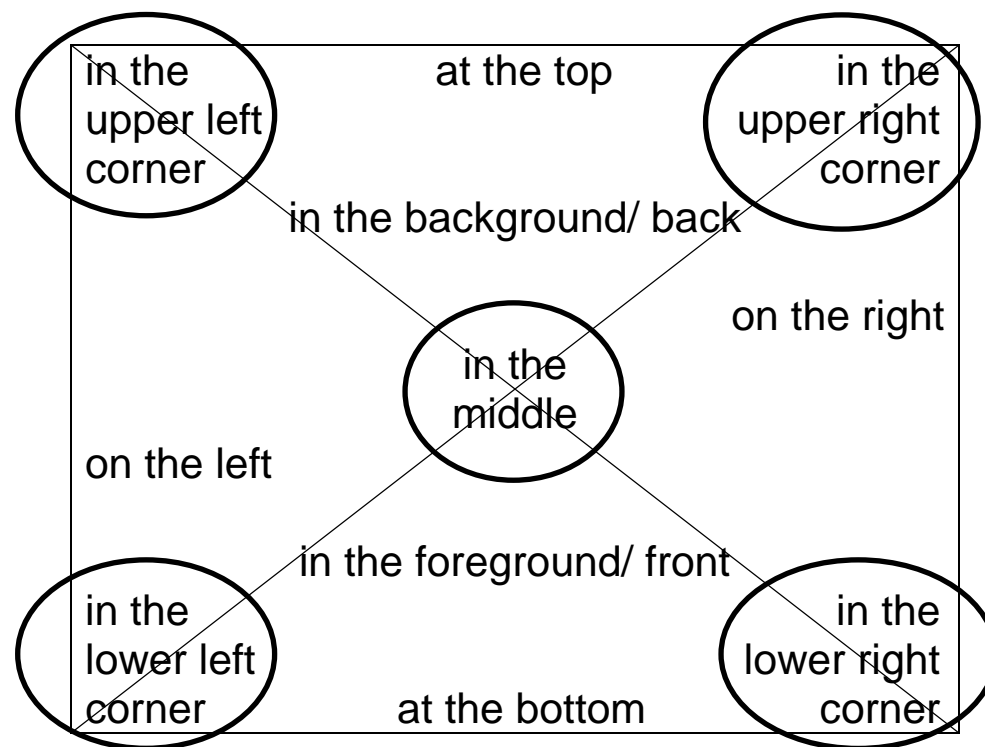


You can start your mind map like this:



b) Use your mind map to describe the picture and the expressions from below. Write about 50 words into your folder.

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



Use these prepositions to be more precise:

behind • between • in front of • next to • under • over

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

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

- a) Write down the heading's meaning in German into your folder.
- b) Note down into your folder what you think the article is about (3-6 sentences).

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Task 3: Reading the article. Skimming for information.

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Bodie – the ghost town

- (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 one man was killed every day there.
- (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. So 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 happy to tell tourists about the town and its history. The best thing about Bodie is that 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 write down ten words that
- you don't understand
 - are new to you and/ or
 - you find interesting.
- b) Look up the words you marked in the text in a dictionary. Make a grid into your folder and write down the German translation and on which page you found them in the dictionary. If you look up a verb, write down the infinitive form (*Grundform/Infinitiv*).

Example:

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

- c) **In German.** Write down 3-6 sentences that say what the article is about.

Task 4: Scanning the article for information

a) Write down the word into your folder:

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 into your folder.

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

c) Copy the following grid into your folder and fill in the missing information:

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 and write the complete sentences into your folder:

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 and make a grid into your folder:

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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. |

1	2	3	4	5

Task 5: Asking the way

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

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

**Tell him the way to get to all these places.
Write the directions into your folder.**

