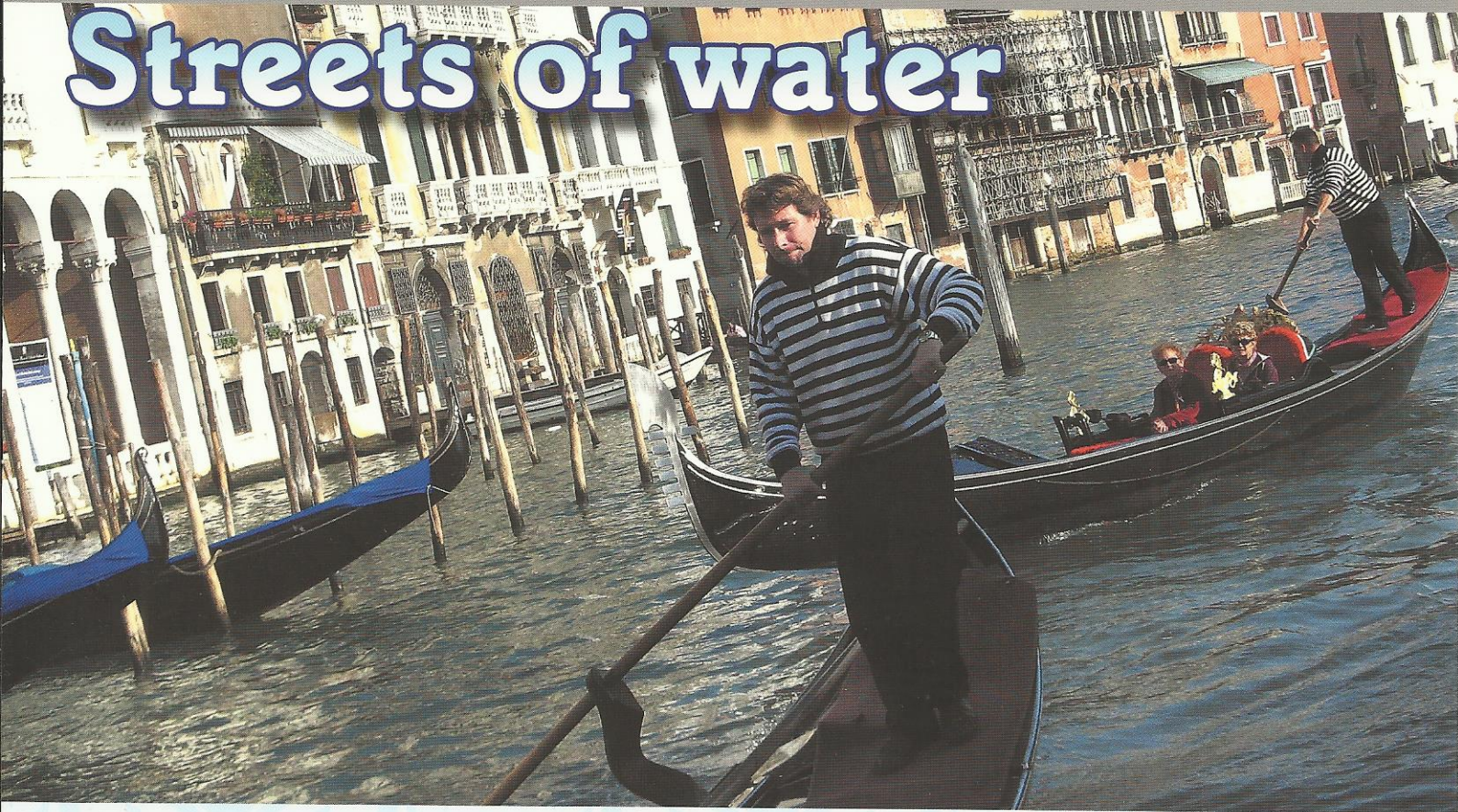


Streets of water



- 1** Can you imagine living in a city without any cars? How would you travel to school and to the shops? It's hard to imagine, but there really is a famous city that has no cars!
- 2** Venice is a beautiful, very old city in Italy. It is made up of over one hundred islands that are separated by waterways called canals. There are no roads on the islands. People walk everywhere or travel between the islands on boats or in water taxis.
- 3** There are hundreds of bridges crossing the canals. It is possible to spend all day walking around the city without worrying about traffic. The most famous bridge in Venice is the Rialto. It is over four hundred years old.
- 4** If you are ever lucky enough to be a visitor to Venice, you must take a ride along the canals on a long, thin boat called a gondola. A gondolier uses a long pole to steer it through the water.
- 5** Everyone uses the canals in Venice. Even the police, fire service and ambulances have special boats instead of cars.

1. In Paragraph 4, the word ***gondolier*** means:

- (a) *a family member.*
- (b) *the person who moves a boat.*
- (c) *a police officer.*

2. The Rialto Bridge was built _____ years ago.

- (a) *hundreds of*
- (b) *a few*
- (c) *four*

3. It is a fact that Venice:

- (a) *is interesting.*
- (b) *has great beauty.*
- (c) *has canals instead of roads.*

4. People travel around Venice on foot or by:

- (a) *train.*
- (b) *boat.*
- (c) *car.*

5. There are hundreds of bridges in Venice because:

- (a) *people like them.*
- (b) *they are needed.*
- (c) *they are famous.*

6. In Paragraph 2, the word ***it*** is used instead of:

- (a) *Italy.*
- (b) *Venice.*
- (c) *canals.*



Something extra

- ★ Draw a picture of a gondola.
- ★ Write two good things and two bad things about living in a place with canals instead of roads.