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News Review

Message in a bottle

BBC Radio 4 report

The story

What's thought to be the world's oldest message in a bottle has been found in Western Australia. The discovery was made by a woman walking on a beach north of Perth. But far from sending out an SOS, the note inside was part of a German scientific study carried out in 1886.

Vocabulary

-goers

suffix used to describe people who visit a particular place

- The streets were full of theatregoers waiting to see their favourite plays.
- The bus was full of sand from all the beachgoers on their way home.

love note/letter

a creative tribute to something a person loves

- The film La La Land is a love letter to Hollywood.
- The Grammar Gameshow is Dan's love letter to gameshows.

(the) sands of time

a way of saying time is passing quickly and inevitably

- I can't believe I'm nearly 45 years old. The sands of time...
- You can't do anything about the sands of time. Nothing lasts forever.

Language challenge

There's a **suffix** which is used to describe people who like to visit particular places. Which of these words is used to describe someone who likes to attend the theatre?

- a) theatrevisitor
- b) theatreviewer
- c) theatregoer

Answer

c) theatregoer