

## Answers

Below is the corrected text. The correct answers are shown in red. There is a guide in blue to where you can find more information about the grammar points in this paragraph. All information can either be found in the 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' book or from lessons in the Fluency Space Academy.

Slab City is a small, remote community of around 4000 people. Based somewhere in the middle of **a/the** Californian desert (See 'a' and 'the' Lesson), it is known as "The Last Free Place" by its residents.

The town **was** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 3) built on an old World War II training base in 1942, and since then it **has been attracting / has attracted** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 4) artists and outcasts from all over the US who want to live outside of mainstream society. The "city" has no connection to a power grid, no water supply, or indeed any basic amenities at all. If someone wants to take a shower, they must pay the only resident who has a working shower and water heater. Due to the city's isolation, residents are expected to **take care of** (See 'Key Prepositions and Collocations' Lesson) each other when they need something. One main advantage to the city's remoteness is that you don't need to pay any rent to live there, so if one day you **decided** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lessons 13 and 14) to opt out of mainstream society, all you would need to do is turn up with a caravan and you would be welcomed by the residents.

However, the town **is also known** for its dark side. (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 11) The town is so "off-grid" and isolated that the police **barely take** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 1) any notice of it. **If** (See 'if or in case' Lesson) someone begins to annoy the residents, they can be kicked out of the town by force, and residents have even been known to burn homes to the ground!