

Inquiring Minds Want to Know!



THICK Questions
and
Thin Questions

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Write **as many questions** as you can think of about this photo. You have **90 seconds!**



Look over your questions. **Choose the question that would probably be the most interesting to answer.**



How are these questions different from each other:

1. What toy is sitting on top of the broken piano?

2. Why is there a toy on top of a broken piano?



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 1. What toy is sitting on top of the broken piano?

THIN 2. Why is there a toy on top of a broken piano?

question



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➡ 1. What toy is sitting on top of the broken piano?

THIN
question

2. Why is there a toy on top of a broken piano? ←

THICK
question



Thin questions don't require a lot of thought. They have specific right and wrong answers, and they are often pretty boring.



THICK questions may or may not have specific right and wrong answers. They're usually more interesting than **thin** questions. They often start with terms like: Why, How, What if



Write 1 new **thin** question about this photo.



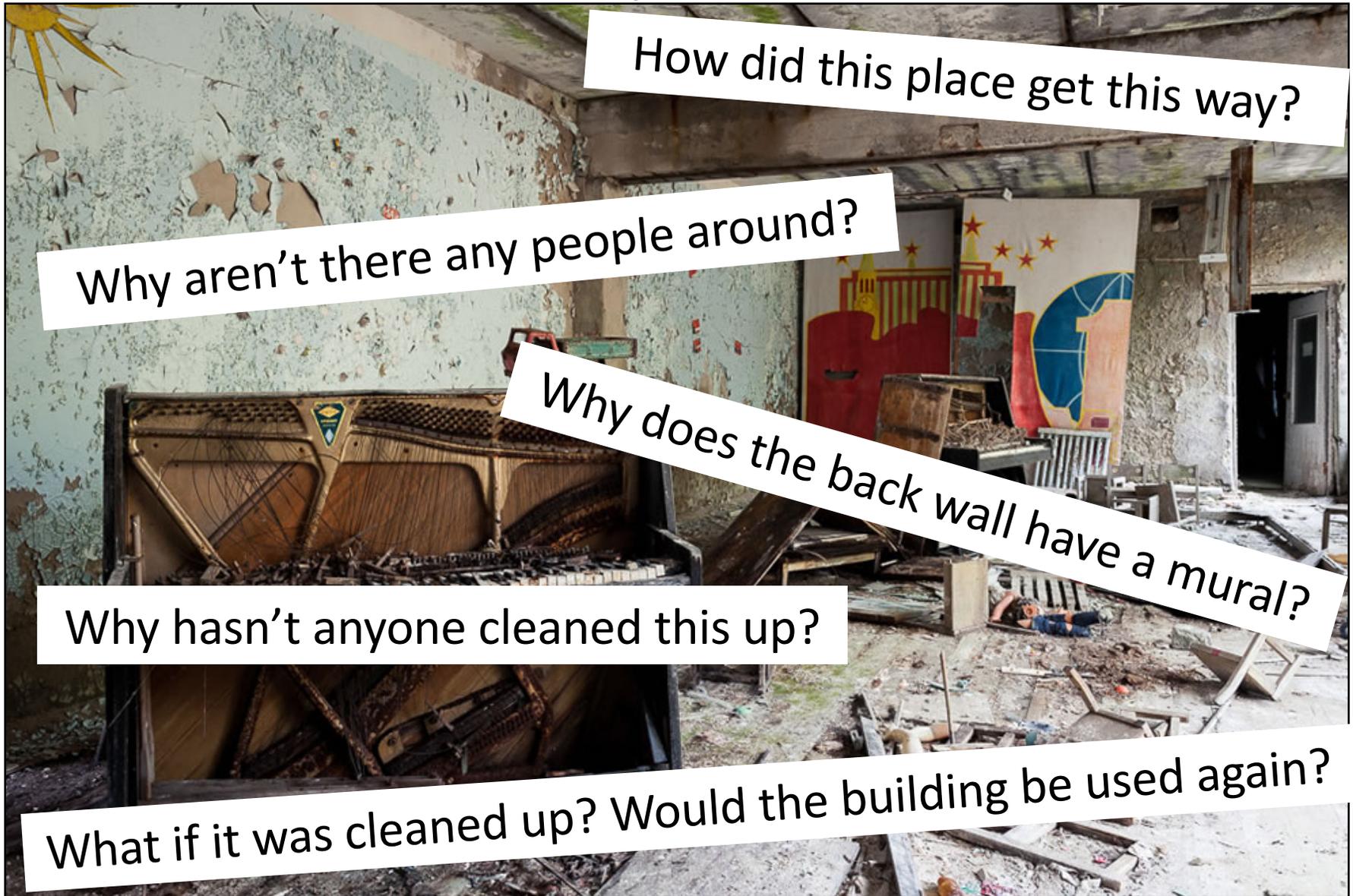
What color is the toy truck?

How many broken pianos are there?

What is happening to the white paint on the walls?

Is the door open or shut?

Write 1 new **THICK** question about this photo.
Remember - They often start with terms like: Why,
How, What if



How did this place get this way?

Why aren't there any people around?

Why does the back wall have a mural?

Why hasn't anyone cleaned this up?

What if it was cleaned up? Would the building be used again?

The next photos are all from the same area.
They all are part of the same “story.”



New picture:
Write 1 new **thin** question.



Now write a new **THICK** question.

They often start with terms like: Why, How, What if



Write a **thin** question.



And, of course, write a **THICK** question.

They often start with terms like: Why, How, What if



Last photo: Write a **thin** question.



And now write your last **THICK** question.

They often start with terms like: Why, How, What if



These all are part of the same “story.”
What is that story?

