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## Practice

- 1** You are going to read a text called 'Fishing – a changing life'.
- 2**  In pairs, look at the images below that go with the text and write four questions about the images.






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- 3**  Compare your questions with another pair and choose the best four questions.
- 4**  Answer the four questions.
- 5**  In pairs, discuss your personal interpretation of the images and what you think the text might be about. Put your ideas here:

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**6** Now read the text and note down the central point. Is it in your list above?

## Fishing – a changing life

Along the south coast of England, across the sea from France, fishing has always been an important industry. The people in whole towns and villages depend upon fishing for their jobs and their income.

Fishing is changing: more and more large fishing boats from other countries and from other parts of England have come to fish in the English Channel. These massive boats are able to catch many tonnes of fish, and that means there is very little left in the sea for the much smaller fishing boats from the villages. The boats fish almost every day for many hours, but the number of fish that they catch and bring home has reduced a lot in recent years. As a result of this, many of the fishermen have decided


to abandon the boats and to stop fishing. They were simply losing money every time they went to sea.

This has caused a huge crisis in the small towns and villages because it's not just a fisherman that lives from the sea, but also the people who prepare the fish, who sell the fish and who cook the fish in restaurants. Many jobs are disappearing and a whole very old way of life is dying. But the communities are not finished: they work together now, and many small hotels, new restaurants and even small museums are opening. That's their new way of earning money. Fishing people are very tough and though it may be difficult, they are adapting well to their new lifestyles. In the future they should be able to live better lives than they did in the past.

**7** Now read the text again and answer these questions.

- a** Why did the industry collapse?
- b** What was the result?
- c** How has the community managed the challenge?

## Reflect

**8**  What have you learnt about interpreting images? Make some notes here and discuss them in groups. Be ready to present them to the class.

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