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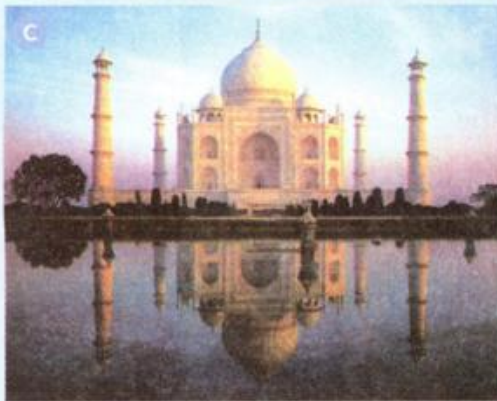
WONDERS OF THE WORLD



READING

Before You Read

Match the pictures with their names. Tell your partner what you know about these sites.



1. The Eiffel Tower _____

2. The Great Wall of China _____

3. An Egyptian Pyramid _____

4. The Taj Mahal _____

Reading Text

Read the following extracts and do the tasks that follow.

The Ancient Seven Wonders of the World

In 200 B.C., Philon of Byzantium, a traveler, first compiled a list of the most beautiful architectural buildings and sculptures, which are still known today as the Seven Wonders of the World. These wonders belong to the Ancient World and were all constructed more than 2,000 years ago. Today, only Egyptian Pyramids at Giza remain.

The New Seven Wonders of the World

"Our heritage is our future."

In September 1999, Bernard Weber, a Swiss, launched his Web site to offer people the opportunity to participate in the first global Internet vote to elect the New Seven Wonders of the World of the past 2,200 years. There are 25 candidate sites, 17 from UNESCO's world heritage list and 8 sites suggested by the public. Seven of twenty-five nominated sites will be elected the New Seven Wonders of the World. Bernard Weber said, "Seven will be the exact number of things that an average person can remember with a little challenge, and you need that little challenge not to forget!" It is expected that the official declaration ceremony of the New Seven Wonders of the World in Lisbon, Portugal, on Saturday, July 7, 2007, will be broadcast around the world.

World's Tallest Buildings

What are the tallest buildings in the world? Statistics may vary according to many kinds of structures and buildings. The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, is said to be among the tallest man-made structures in the world. A French engineer, Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, who is the designer of the iron frame for the Statue of Liberty, designed this tower. Some other tallest buildings are the Empire State Building in New York, USA; the Jin Mao Building in Shanghai, China; the Sears Tower in Chicago, USA; and the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. At present, Taipei 101 in Taipei, Taiwan, [106 stories, 508 meters (1,670 ft) tall] is supposed to be the tallest building in the world. Still taller buildings are under construction in many countries. For example, it is said that the Burj Dubai Tower in Dubai will stand 800 meters (2,630 ft) tall once completed in 2008.



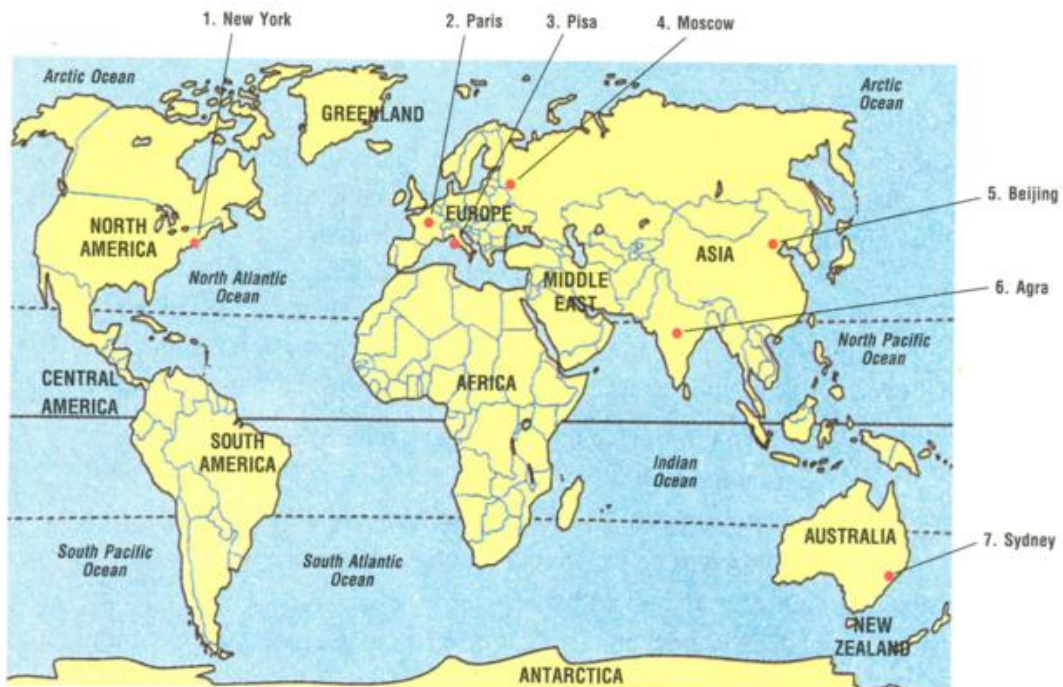
a) Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- When were the Seven Wonders of the World first compiled?
A. More than 2,000 years ago. B. In 200 A.D.
C. In the 12th century. D. In the 16th century.
- How many ancient wonders of the world still exist?
A. One. B. Two.
C. Three. D. Four.
- Who designed the metal structure for the Statue of Liberty?
A. An English engineer. B. An American engineer.
C. A French engineer. D. A Chinese engineer.
- Which of the following is NOT located in the United States?
A. The Sears Tower. B. The Petronas Towers.
C. The Empire State Building. D. The Statue of Liberty.
- Which of the following is the tallest building in the world now?
A. The Petronas Towers. B. The Eiffel Tower.
C. Taipei 101. D. The Empire State Building.

b) Complete the following sentences with information from the text.

1. A list of the most beautiful architectural buildings and sculptures was first compiled in _____.
2. In _____, Bernard Weber, a Swiss, launched his Web site to elect _____.
3. Some candidate sites are from _____; others are suggested by the public.
4. _____ is the exact number of things that an average person can remember with a little challenge.
5. The list of the New Seven Wonders of the World will be announced in Lisbon, Portugal, on _____.
6. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel designed the metal structures for not only _____ but also _____.
7. Taller buildings are _____ in many countries.

c) Locate the following famous man-made landmarks on the world map.



World Map

- The Great Wall of China
- The Taj Mahal
- The Kremlin and the Red Square
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- The Eiffel Tower
- The Statue of Liberty
- Sydney Opera House

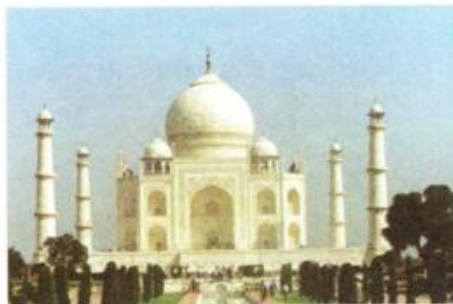
Work in pairs. Tell your partner what you know about them.



LISTENING

The Taj Mahal - Architecture of Love

The Taj Mahal is often considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It was built by an Indian Emperor as a memorial to his beloved wife.



a) Listen to the story about the Taj Mahal, and do the tasks after each part.

Now listen to Part I and check (✓) whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

PART I

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Prince Khurram first met Arjumand Banu Begum in his palace. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. He was fifteen years old when he met her. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. They fell in love at first sight. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Their wedding took place three years later. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. He became the fifth Mughal Emperor of India in 1528. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. She was loved by all the people in the country. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Listen to Part II and answer the questions.

PART II

1. When did she die?
2. What was the first promise she asked him to make?

Listen to Part III and fill in the blanks.

PART III

- It took (1)_____ years to complete the monument at the cost of (2)_____ rupees.
- (3)_____ people worked on this construction.
- The Taj Mahal is built of (4)_____ and is most attractive at (5)_____ and (6)_____.
- When he died, Khurram was buried in (7)_____.

b) *Listen to the whole story about the Taj Mahal and retell the story.*



SPEAKING

Asking for and Giving Information

a) *What can you see in each picture below?*



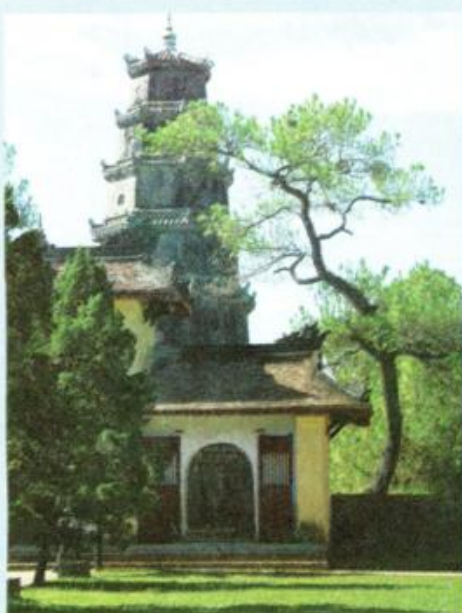
a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



d. _____



e. _____

- b) You would like to visit one of the places in the pictures in a). Work in pairs. Ask your partner for information about:

the weather
 transportation
 specialty foods/ specialties

clothes to bring along
 some sightseeing spots
 hotels



Examples

- What's the weather like in Ha Noi in May?
- What kind of clothes should I bring along?

Come and Discover Viet Nam		
Destinations	Ha Noi	Hue
Features	Viet Nam's capital	World Cultural Heritage Site
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Best months: Nov. – Mar. – Wet: May – Oct. – Dry: Nov. – Apr. – Hot: Apr. – Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Best months: May – Jun. – Wet: Sept. – Jan. – Dry: Apr. – May – Hot: May – Aug. – Storms: Aug. – Sept.

Specialty foods/ Specialties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Pho</i> (Vietnamese beef noodles) – <i>Gio lua</i> (lean meat pie) ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Bun bo</i> (Hue rice noodles) – <i>Com hen</i> (Hue mussel rice) ...
Tourist Attractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hoan Kiem Lake – Temple of Literature – President Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hue Imperial City – Thien Mu Pagoda – Royal Tombs ...

c) Tell your partner about your last visit to a sightseeing spot.



WRITING

Writing a Biography

A short biography often has these parts.

- Name, date, and place of birth
 - The person's family / social / cultural / educational background
- Life / career
 - Some highlights of the person's life / career
 - How this person influences others
- (Date and place of death)
 - Present life

a) Study the outline above and rearrange the following sentences. Then write a short biography of Alexandre Gustave Eiffel.



- However, he is most famous for designing the Eiffel Tower for the 1889 Paris Universal Exposition.
- In his later years, he began to study aerodynamics.
- He graduated from L'Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures, Paris, in 1855.
- He died at the age of 91 in Paris in 1923.

- e. In 1884, Alexandre Gustave Eiffel began studying the construction of towers, and in 1885, he designed the interior workings for the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, USA.
- f. He will be remembered as a brilliant master engineer and architect.
- g. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel was born in Dijon, France, in 1832, to a family known for fine craftwork of wood and merchants of coal.
- h. He also designed ironwork for bridges.
- i. In 1862, he married Marie Gaudet, and they had five children.

b) Write a biography of a person who has had a special influence on other people (a movie star, a sports person, a celebrity, etc.)



LANGUAGE FOCUS

Word Study

Compound Adjectives

a) Make 8 compound adjectives with **well-** and **-made**, using the given words.



Examples

well-known, man-made

well-			-made
	ready	custom	
	known	behaved	
	kept	self	
	tailor	dressed	

b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate compound adjective. The first one has been done for you.

- A: Why is that restaurant always crowded with customers?

B: I think it is **well-known** for its friendly atmosphere and excellent service.
- A: He's rich and successful as a result of his own work, not because of his family's wealth.

B: Yes. He was proud of being a _____ man.

3. A: How did the band play last night?
B: They played badly, but the audience was surprisingly _____.
They remained seated until the end.
4. A: This smart suit must be very expensive.
B: Buy it for your husband. This is what today's _____ men are wearing.
5. A: It's surprising that he has a _____ garden.
B: Don't you know his hobby is gardening?
6. A: She seems _____ for the job.
B: Yes. Everyone thinks she's perfectly suited for it.
7. A: How long did it take you to make that birthday cake?
B: I didn't make it myself. I bought it _____.
8. A: She looks very smart in that suit.
B: A _____ suit usually looks better than a ready-made one.

Grammar

The Passive Construction

It is said that ...
He is said ...



Examples

1. *People say that* the Eiffel Tower *is* among the tallest man-made structures in the world.
→ *It is said that* the Eiffel Tower *is* among the tallest man-made structures in the world.
→ The Eiffel Tower *is said to be* among the tallest man-made structures in the world.
2. *People say that* Alexandre Gustave Eiffel *designed* the metal structures for not only the Eiffel Tower but also the Statue of Liberty.
→ *It is said that* Alexandre Gustave Eiffel *designed* the metal structures for not only the Eiffel Tower but also the Statue of Liberty.
→ Alexandre Gustave Eiffel *is said to have designed* the metal structures for not only the Eiffel Tower but also the Statue of Liberty.

a) Fill in each of the blanks with the passive construction of the verb in parentheses.

1. It _____ (expect) that more buildings will be built in this area.
2. It _____ (fear) that the monument would be soon destroyed by acid rain.
3. The referee _____ (suppose) to have awarded a penalty to the home team.
4. It _____ (think) to be a clear foul by Mike on the goalkeeper.
5. This amusement park _____ (consider) to be the most beautiful place in the city.
6. It _____ (say) that thousands of new jobs will be created during the Games.

b) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

1. People believe that the Taj Mahal is a symbol of love.
→ *The Taj Mahal* _____
2. People think that all tourists admire the complicated red brick designs of My Son Sanctuary.
→ *All tourists* _____
3. People believe that the Great Wall of China is the only world-famous construction on Earth that can be seen from space.
→ *The Great Wall of China* _____
4. It is said that the Burj Dubai Tower in Dubai will stand 800 meters tall once completed in 2008.
→ *The Burj Dubai Tower in Dubai* _____
5. It is expected that the Official Declaration ceremony of the New Seven Wonders of the World will be broadcast around the world.
→ *The Official Declaration ceremony* _____
6. At present, Taipei 101 is supposed to be the tallest building in the world.
→ *Many people suppose* _____

7. People think that taller buildings are being built.
→ *Taller buildings* _____
8. Everyone knows that My Son Sanctuary was an imperial city during the Cham dynasty, between the 4th and 12th centuries.
→ *My Son Sanctuary* _____
9. Many people believe that the King spent the last days of his life in prison staring into a small piece of glass at the reflection of the Taj Mahal.
→ *The King* _____
10. People think that the list of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was once a tourist guide for travelers of the ancient world.
→ *The list of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World* _____