

UNIT 14

WONDERS OF THE WORLD

GETTING STARTED.

Match the names of these famous world landmarks to the correct pictures.

Stonehenge

The Pyramids

Sydney Opera House

a)



b)



c)



LISTEN AND READ.

Hoa: I'm bored. Let's play a game.

Nhi: What shall we play?

Nga: We can play *20 Questions*.

Nhi: What's that? I don't know how to play it.

Nga: It's a guessing game. I think of a famous person or place. Then you have to ask me questions to find out who or what it is.

Hoa: It sounds very easy. How does it work?

Nga: I can only answer 'yes' or 'no', and you can only ask 20 questions.

Hoa: What happens if we can't guess the correct answer?

Nga: I win.

Hoa: All right. You go first, Nga.

Nga: OK. You might know this place. I'll give you a clue. It isn't in Viet Nam.

Hoa: Is it in Asia?

Nga: No.

Nhi: Is it in America?

Nga: Yes.

Nhi: Is it in New York?

Nga: Yes.

Hoa: I know. It's the Golden Gate Bridge!

Nga: No. The Golden Gate Bridge isn't in New York!
It's in San Francisco.

Nhi: I think the answer is the Statue of Liberty.

Nga: You're right, Nhi.

1. Practice the dialogue with two classmates.

2. Complete the summary. Use words from the dialogue.

Hoa, Nga and her cousin Nhi were bored, so Nga suggested that they play a (1)_____ called *20 Questions*. She explained the rules and then the girls started to play. Nga thought of a (2)_____ and she gave the others a (3)_____ by saying that it wasn't in (4)_____. Nhi found out the place was in (5)_____. Hoa thought it was the (6)_____ Gate Bridge, but that is in San Francisco. Nhi was (7)_____ when she said it (8)_____ the Statue of Liberty.

SPEAK.

1. Think of 10 famous places. You may use the names of places listed in the box or you can use your own ideas. Write a Yes/No question about each place. Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| Is Phong Nha Cave in southern Viet Nam? | | ✓ |
| Is PETRONAS Twin Towers the tallest building in the world? | | ✓ |
| Is the Great Barrier Reef a World Heritage Site? | ✓ | |

Great Wall of China
Empire State Building USA
PETRONAS Twin Towers
Great Barrier Reef
Hue Citadel
Ha Long Bay
Phong Nha Cave
Eiffel Tower
Mount Everest
Big Ben



2. Talk about your classmates' answers with your partner.

- I asked Hoa if Phong Nha Cave was in Southern Viet Nam. She said that it wasn't.
- I asked Nga whether PETRONAS Twin Towers in Malaysia was the highest building in the world. She said that it wasn't.



LISTEN.

There are four mistakes in this advertisement. Listen to the tape. Correct the mistakes and copy the paragraph into your exercise book.

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READ.

Centuries ago in Ancient Greece, a man by the name of Antipater of Sidon compiled a list of what he thought were the seven wonders of the world. The seven included the Hanging Gardens of Babylon in present-day Iraq, the Statue of Zeus in Greece, and the Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. The pyramid is the only wonder you can still see today.

Many people claim that there were other wonders, which the ancient Greeks knew nothing about. These include the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal in India and Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Angkor Wat should really be known as a wonder because it is the largest temple in the world. The temple was built around the year 1100 to honor a Hindu God, but over the next three centuries it became a Buddhist religious center. The area surrounding the temple, Angkor Thom, used to be the royal capital city.

In the early 15th century, the Khmer rulers moved to Phnom Penh and Angkor was quiet. It now is a famous tourist attraction.

Complete the sentences.

- a) The only surviving wonder on Antipater's list is _____.
- A. the Great Wall of China C. the Pyramid of Cheops
B. the Statue of Zeus D. Angkor Wat
- b) Angkor Wat was originally built for _____.
- A. Hindus C. kings
B. Buddhists D. the citizens of Phnom Penh
- c) Angkor Wat _____.
- A. was a small temple
B. is one of the seven wonders of the world
C. is a pyramid
D. was part of a royal Khmer city a long time ago
- d) In the 1400s, the Khmer King _____.
- A. built Angkor Wat
B. chose Phnom Penh as the new capital
C. turned Angkor Wat into a Buddhist center
D. moved the temple to Phnom Penh

WRITE.

1. Complete the letter Tim sent to Hoa about his trip to the Grand Canyon. Insert the letters of the missing sentences.

May 29, 2003

Dear Hoa,

How are you? (1). **C**

My class has just returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. (2)_____ . We spent a week there and I didn't want to leave.

Although it was summer, it was quite cool at night because the area is more than 2,000 meters above sea level.

On our first day, a park ranger led us on a guided hike along the edge of the canyon. He talked about the history of the area. (3)_____ .

(4)_____ . What do you plan to do during the summer vacation? Write to me after your exams.

Your friend,

Tim

- A. That's all I have time to tell you about.
- B. The Canyon is part of Grand Canyon National Park and it was formed by the Colorado River over millions of years.
- C. I hope you are studying hard for your exams next week.
- D. He also talked about the original inhabitants who lived there during the Stone Age.

2. Write a letter to a friend. Tell him/her about a place you have visited recently. Use the following prompts to help you.

Place: Cuc Phuong National Park (Phong Nha Cave / Ha Long Bay, etc.)

Distance from your city / home: 100 km / 300 km / 12 hours by train / by coach, etc.

How to get there: by bus / train / airplane, etc.

Sights: beautiful / magnificent / breathtaking, etc.

Weather: temperate / sunny / cool / windy, etc.

How you feel: happy / excited / relaxed, etc.

Language focus

- **Passive forms**
- **Indirect questions with *if* and *whether***
- **Question words before *to - infinitives***
- **verb + *to - infinitive***

1. Complete the sentences. Use the passive form of the verbs in the box.

construct

reach

present

complete

design

- Sydney Opera House *was completed* in 1973.
- The first and longest section of the Great Wall of China _____ between 221 and 204 BC.
- The Eiffel Tower _____ by the French civil engineer Alexander Gustave Eiffel for the Paris World's Fair of 1889.
- The Statue of Liberty _____ to the United States by France in 1876.
- The summit of Mount Everest _____ by two members of a British expedition and a Nepalese guide on May 29, 1953.

2. Yesterday, Nga and Nhi talked about My Son, one of the *World Cultural Heritages of Viet Nam*. Report the questions Nhi asked Nga.

Example:

- Do you know My Son, Nga?

Nhi asked Nga if she knew My Son.

Or *Nhi asked Nga whether she knew My Son.*

- Is it far from Ha Noi?
- Is My Son in Quang Nam province?
- Do many people live at My Son?

- e) Do many tourists visit My Son every year?
- f) Do you want to visit My Son one day?

3. Nga answered Nhi's questions. She then gave Nhi some additional information. Use the words to write about the information that Nga gave to Nhi.

- a) tell / how / go there
Nga told Nhi how to go there.
- b) show / where / get tickets
- c) point out / where / buy souvenirs
- d) advise / how / go from My Son to Hoi An
- e) tell / what / do there during the visit

4. Complete the passage. Use either the *to-infinitive* or the *bare infinitive* form of the verbs in brackets.

Nhi and her parents are visiting Hoi An and My Son. They are staying at a hotel near Cua Dai. Early this morning, Nhi decided (0) *to go* (go) for a run. She left the hotel and started (1) _____ (jog) in the direction of Cua Dai beach. She thought she might (2) _____ (go) along the beach for 20 minutes before heading for the hotel. Unfortunately, after 10 minutes, dark clouds began (3) _____ (gather) and it started (4) _____ (rain). Nhi tried (5) _____ (reach) a shelter, but within a few seconds she was completely wet. So she decided (6) _____ (continue) her run because she couldn't (7) _____ (get) wetter!