

**1** Ask your partner questions to complete the information about the special castle. Answer your partner's questions.

Eilean Donan castle is one of the most photographed castles in Scotland. The name means (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Many films have been made there, for example *Highlander* and *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes*. It was built in the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ century and it was used to defend the area from the Vikings. In 1719, the castle was occupied by (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It was meant to be a base to attack England. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ were sent north and the Spanish were finally defeated. After the battle, the castle was destroyed. Eilean Donan castle was abandoned for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ years. In 1911, it was bought by an army officer who wanted to rebuild it. The rebuilding work was completed in (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Today the castle is visited by many tourists each year.

**2** Discuss the following questions with your partner.

- 1 Are there any castles in your country? What is the most famous one? Why is it famous?
- 2 What is your favourite historic place? Why is it your favourite?

