

Read the passage carefully. Then fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list below to complete the passage. Use each word ONCE only.

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so	middle	could	Although	or
be	most	As	occasionally	has
and	for	were	would	of

### Colosseum

The Colosseum is an amphitheatre in 1\_\_\_\_\_ centre of Rome, Italy. It was the largest ever built in the Roman Empire. It measures 188m long and 156m wide, 2\_\_\_\_\_ reaches a height of 48m.

The building 3\_\_\_\_\_ the Colosseum was started in 72A.D. by Emperor Vespasian and was finished 4\_\_\_\_\_ his son Titus in 80 A.D. The Colosseum 5\_\_\_\_\_ hold 50,000 spectators. The best views of the arena were saved 6\_\_\_\_\_ the Emperor.

People 7\_\_\_\_\_ come to watch gladiators fight to the death. Animal hunts, executions, and dramas could also 8\_\_\_\_\_ seen at the Colosseum. Animal hunts included wild animals 9\_\_\_\_\_ Africa and the Middle East such 10\_\_\_\_\_ elephants, hippopotamuses and ostriches.

The Colosseum 11\_\_\_\_\_ 80 entrances at ground level, meaning the huge crowd could evacuate easily and quickly. All entrances and exits were numbered and 12\_\_\_\_\_ were the staircases.

Rooms 13\_\_\_\_\_ cages containing wild animals were built below the wooden floor. The cages could 14\_\_\_\_\_ lifted so that the wild animals could appear in the 15\_\_\_\_\_ of the arena.

Gladiators were usually slaves 16\_\_\_\_\_ prisoners of war. The majority, 17\_\_\_\_\_ men but 18\_\_\_\_\_ women would also fight. Both the poor and the rich could come and watch the contests.

19\_\_\_\_\_ some parts of the Colosseum were ruined by earthquakes in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is one of Rome's 20\_\_\_\_\_ popular tourist attractions.