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What can you find under the streets?

ENGLISH

- Are there any old buildings in the UAE?
- Are any of them underground?

READING

1 Read the introduction. Answer the question at the end of the paragraph.

Rome, which is the capital of Italy, is often called the Eternal City. This is because of the many years of history that it has. As time has gone on, buildings have been built on top of each other, making a great number of underground places. Many of these places cannot be visited, but some can. What type of buildings do you think are under the streets of Rome?

2 Read one of the texts. What building is it about?

Text A

Piazza Navona is one of the most famous meeting places in Rome. This piazza is unusual because it is not a square or a circle like Piazza Farnese or Piazza del Popolo, but in the shape of a 'U'. The reason for this is because it was built on top of a stadium. The Stadium of Domitian, which was named after the Roman Emperor, was built in the 1st century AD and was usually used for sports competitions. The stadium is in the *centro storico*, or the old town area of the city. People have known that the stadium is under Piazza Navona for a long time, but it wasn't until the early 20th century that people found parts of the building that were underground. The space is now open for tourists to visit.



Text B

The Campo de' Fiori - or 'field of flowers' - is a square in the *centro storico*, or old town area of Rome. Today, there is a market there that sells flowers, but the name comes from when the area was a field hundreds of years ago. Long before that, however, in the 1st century BC, this space was where the Theater of Pompey was. This theater, named after Pompey the Great, was the first theater built in Rome. The theater was open for plays for more than five hundred years, but around the 12th century, buildings were built on top of it. Now you can see some of the walls from the Theater of Pompey inside the Hotel Lunetta, which is the second oldest hotel in Rome. Builders found the walls while doing work on the building in 2009.

3 Answer the questions about the text you read. Make notes to help you remember.

- 1 Where is it?
- 2 When was it built?
- 3 What was it used for?
- 4 How did it get its name?
- 5 When was it discovered?

Speaking Tip

When speaking English, not every word is said by itself. Words are often linked together in fluent speech.

SPEAKING

4 Practice saying the questions fluently. Mark the words that are linked together.

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