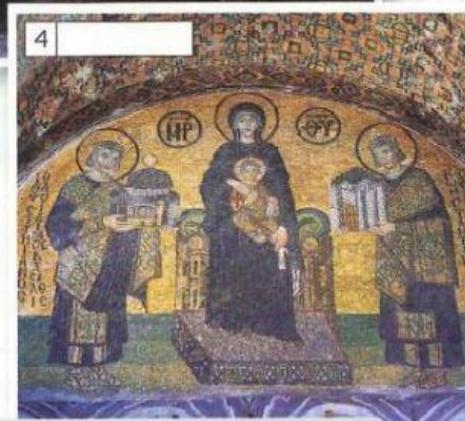
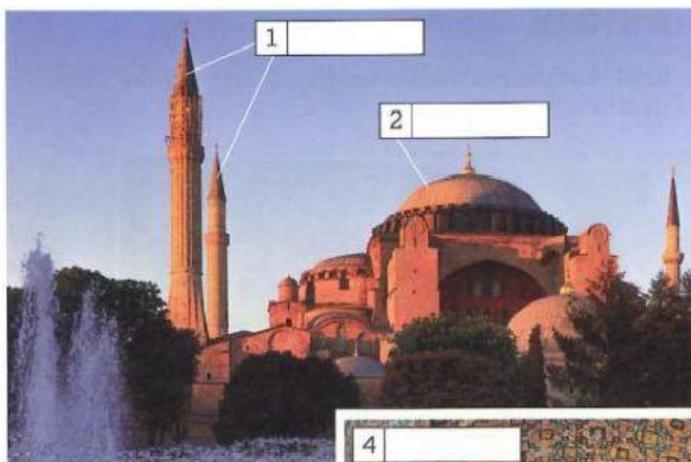


7 DESCRIBING A BUILDING

- a Read the description of the Hagia Sofia. Match the **highlighted** words with the pictures.
- b Read the description again and match the questions with paragraphs 1–5.
  - a How much does it cost to go in? \_\_\_\_
  - b What does it look like outside? \_\_\_\_
  - c What does it look like inside? \_\_\_\_
  - d What's the most beautiful building in your town? Where is it? \_\_\_\_
  - e Who was it built by? When was it built? \_\_\_\_
- c There are five places where the writer has used the **wrong** word. Can you correct them?
- d You're going to write a description of a building in your town or city for a tourism website. **Plan** what you're going to write. Answer the questions in **b** in the right order. You may need to research some of the information.
- e **Write** your description. Use the **Useful language** to help you.



**Useful language: describing a famous building**  
 It is situated in...  
 It was designed / built by...  
 Construction began / was completed in...  
 Inside, you can see...  
 There is / are...  
 It is famous for...

- f Check your description for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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1 I think the most beautiful building in my town is the Hagia Sophia. **Its** situated in a historic part of Istanbul called Sultanahmet.

2 The Roman emperor Justinian built the Hagia Sophia on the spot **were** two other churches had burned down. Construction began in 532 and the building was completed in 537. In 1453 it became a mosque, and it's been a museum since 1935.

3 It was the world's largest cathedral for nearly a thousand years and it is famous for **it's** large **dome**. It is surrounded by four tall **minarets**, each of which is different. There is also a lovely park in front of the building.

4 Inside the Hagia Sophia you can look up at the dome, which has beautiful Arabic writing in the centre. On the second floor, **their** are beautiful **mosaics** on the walls. Some of them are more than a thousand years old. In the north-west of the building there is a **column** with a hole in the middle called the Wishing Column which people think has special powers.

5 If **you** over 18, you must pay an entrance fee of 25 Turkish lira (about 10 euros). The building is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (7 p.m. in summer) but is closed on Mondays.

**WRITE HERE YOUR DESCRIPTION OF AN INTERESTING BUILDING IN YOUR TOWN OR COUNTRY FOR A TOURISM WEBSITE**