

**A) Listen. People are talking about India. What are the topics? Check (✓) the correct answers.**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> languages                | <input type="checkbox"/> the location    | <input type="checkbox"/> the weather |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> restaurants              | <input type="checkbox"/> food and drinks | <input type="checkbox"/> shopping    |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> a scientist and inventor | <input type="checkbox"/> a movie star    | <input type="checkbox"/> a teacher   |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> music                    | <input type="checkbox"/> sports          | <input type="checkbox"/> movies      |

**B) Listen again. Circle the correct answers.**

- 1 **India has .....**  
a. two national languages.  
b. twenty-two national languages.
- 2 **Many Indians don't eat .....**  
a. beef  
b. mangoes.
- 3 **Aryabhatta invented .....**  
a. the number zero.  
b. the soccer ball.
- 4 **Indian movies often show .....**  
a. special effects and good jokes.  
b. fighting and dancing.

**C) Read the text and match the headlines with the paragraphs.**

- a. Characteristic of the tomb
- b. Story of the Taj Mahal
- c. A tomb, not a palace

### TAJ MAHAL

The Taj Mahal was built about 400 years ago in India. The **Emperor** Shah Jahan built it for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. She died when she had her 14<sup>th</sup> baby. Shah Jahan was very sad, so he built the Taj Mahal to remember his wife. When Shah Jahan died, people put his **corpse** in the Taj Mahal so that he was with his wife forever.

The Taj Mahal looks like a palace, but it is a tomb. It's one of the most beautiful tombs in the world. There are gardens and **fountains** around the building.

The tomb is made of 28 types of stone and jewel from all over India and other countries. Most of the tomb is made of a beautiful stone called **marble**. About 20,000 people built the Taj Mahal, and it took 22 years. More than 1,000 elephants helped to move the stones for the building.

**D) Match the highlighted words in the text with their meaning.**

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| ....1. emperor | a. the dead body of a person                       |
| ....2.corpse   | b. the man who rules an empire                     |
| ....3.fountain | c. a type of hard rock, used for making sculptures |
| ....4.marble   | d. a structure that pushes up water into the air   |

**E) Answer the questions according to the text above.**

1. **When did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **How many people constructed the Taj Mahal?** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **How long did it take to complete the Taj Mahal?** \_\_\_\_\_

F) Underline the past forms of the verbs in the text and write down under the correct category.

Regular Verbs

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Irregular Verbs

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G) Write a text about a tourist attraction like the one above.



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