

ELEMENTARY A2

UNIT 2 - LANDMARKS

CULTURE

Reading

1. Read the text.

Man-made LANDMARKS in the UK

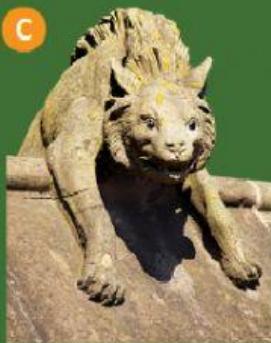


The Kelpies are Scotland's hot new landmark! This pair of 30-metre high horse-head sculptures were designed by sculptor Andy Scott and completed in 2013. The heads are made of steel and decorate the entrance of the Forth and Clyde Canal. In Scottish mythology, Kelpies were water spirits with the strength of 10 ordinary horses. The modern sculptures symbolise how important the horse was in Scottish trade and transport.



The Uffington White Horse in

Oxfordshire is one of England's most famous hillside figures. It is a huge 110-metre long horse and dates back to prehistoric times. It was dug into the chalk, a metre deep in some places. Looking like a piece of modern art, it's hard to believe it is 3,000 years old! It is thought it was an emblem of an ancient tribe, or it symbolised a Celtic horse goddess.



The Marquess of Bute of Cardiff Castle, Wales, wanted to make his garden more exciting. It was the 19th century – the age of explorers, when wild animals were seen as mysterious and exotic – so he created the **Animal Wall**. Fifteen stone sculptures were carved, starting in 1890, and they can still be seen today. Lions, bears, hyenas and other wild beasts look down at you from the top of the garden wall, many with the glass eyes they were originally given!

The Big Fish of Belfast in Northern Ireland is 10 metres long and covered in blue and white ceramic tiles. It was created by sculptor John Kindness in 1999. Each tile



tells a story of Belfast's past. A time capsule was also placed inside the fish. It contains pictures, poems and other information about the city. That's why this landmark is also called the Salmon of Knowledge, after the legendary wise fish in Irish mythology!

2. Read the text. Which of the landmarks (A, B, C or D)...

1 is near the water?

A **B** **C** **D**

2 was made for a private home?

A **B** **C** **D**

3 is part of the countryside?

A **B** **C** **D**

4 has something hidden inside?

A **B** **C** **D**

3. Match the statements (1-6) to the landmarks (A-D).

1 It looks like a piece of modern art but it's actually very old.

A The Kelpies

2 The sculptor Brian Kindness created it in 1999.

B The Uffington White Horse

3 It stands at the entrance of the Forth and Clyde Canal.

C The Animal Wall

4 It was created to decorate the castle gardens.

D The Big Fish

5 There is a time capsule inside it.

6 It is actually a collection of a number of animals.

4. Complete the poster with the words below.

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symbolises

monument

bullfighting

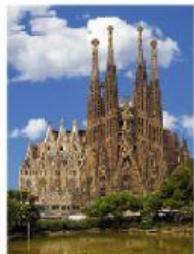
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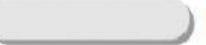
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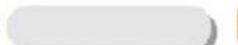
figure

complex

Man-Made Landmarks in Spain



Sagrada Família is a church in Barcelona designed 1)  Antoni Gaudi.

The design includes ten spires, each one symbolising an important 2)  figure from the Bible.

The City of Arts and Sciences is an architectural 3)  in the city of Valencia. It looks like an eye and it 4)  having ones' eyes opened by science.



The Bull Statue is in Plaza De Toros in El Puerto De Santa María, Cadiz, Spain. It is made of 5)  and it symbolises the long tradition of 6)  in Spain.

El Cid is Burgos's most famous 7)  and the statue there is a 8)  to him. It symbolises his victories in many battles.

