

## Vocabulary Ex. > Famous Landmarks

Vocabulary in Context > Read the text below. Fill in the gaps using the words from the box. There are THREE words you DO NOT NEED TO USE.

ONCE	OPERATION	DECLARED	OPERATED	SURPASSED
BOROUGHS	ENTRY	CITIES	ROTATE	ALLOW
HOISTED	INSTALLED	WHEEL	SCHEDULED	WORK

What is now called the *London Eye* is one of England's most popular tourist attractions. It originated as a(n) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to an architecture competition in 1993 for a new landmark to commemorate the millennium in London. Although no winner was (2) \_\_\_\_\_, David Marks and Julia Barfield of *Marks Barfield Architects* undertook the development of the project themselves and found the site where the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ now stands.

At an overall height of 135 metres, the wheel itself has a diameter of 120 metres and is connected to its hub by 64 cables that function much like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. The wheel turns (4) \_\_\_\_\_ every thirty minutes, which is slow enough to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ passengers to get on and off the boarding platform without it stopping, except for those with disabilities.

The London Eye was built in under sixteen months. The assembled wheel was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from barges on the river into vertical position in a single (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Mounted on the wheel are 32 ovoid capsules, as the cabins that carry the passengers are called. Their number corresponds to the 32 (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that (together with the City of London) constitute Greater London. Each capsule has a capacity of 25 passengers.

The capsules do not hang like the gondolas of the old type of big wheel but (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in mounting rings outside the wheel rim to give passengers the best-unobstructed 360° views. On a clear day the highest point on the ride gives views of about 25 miles /40 km in all directions.

Some curious facts of this attraction are: (1) It was originally (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to be dismantled after five years, but it was kept in place because of continued popularity; (2) In 2006 a decorative LED lighting system was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the wheel more prominent after dark; and (3) It was the world's tallest Ferris wheel from 1999, when it was built, until 2006, when it was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Star of Nanchang, in Nanchang, China. (Text taken and adapted from <https://www.britannica.com/place/London-Eye>)

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**Keyword Transformation > Read about another lovely European tourist attraction. Fill in the gaps using the correct form for each word. There is ONE example for you.**

The Eiffel Tower is the (0) **romantic** symbol of Paris. Its design was at first disdained by the city's artists and writers, who protested the tower's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1889 for the *Universal Exposition*, a world's fair commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, however, the tower's beauty, originality, and engineering wizardry won it widespread praise and affection – as well as a place on the canvases of artists such as Pissarro and Utrillo.

Bridge engineer Gustave Eiffel designed the tower, exulting that 'the French flag is the only one with a 300-meter pole.' At 984 feet, the tower ranked as the world's tallest structure for decades; in fact, modern television (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on top have elevated it to the present 1,063 feet.)

Eiffel's drawings were so (4) \_\_\_\_\_, giving details for more than 18,000 metal parts that the tower was erected in just a little more than two years. An astounding 2.5 million rivets hold the parts together, and the tower (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in at 14.6 million pounds (7,300 tons). Repainting the tower – a job that requires 50 tons of paint - is done every seven years.

To reach the top, visitors take elevators that follow curving paths up the legs of the tower. Each year the lifts travel more than 60,000 miles. The cars need special brakes to adapt to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ angles of descent, a crew of employees crafts replacement parts for the elevators by hand.

The tower has three platforms and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ visitors can tackle climbing the stairs to the first two, reached at 187 feet and 377 feet. From the topmost platform at 899 feet, the panorama can stretch for some 50 miles on a clear day. It has been said that the streets and environs of Paris below (8) \_\_\_\_\_ like a giant map.

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ reaching the top can peek into Eiffel's own salon. On their way up or down, they can choose to dine elegantly at the Jules Verne restaurant, which serves a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ menu of traditional French cuisine. The food nearly matches the view -- and the prices 'definitely' match the height of the tower. While you are high atop the Eiffel Tower, it's comforting to know that the structure was engineered to sway no more than five inches in a strong wind. Even more (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the tower actually "grows" up to nearly six inches during hot weather -- a result of metal expansion. (Text taken and adapted from <https://adventure.howstuffworks.com/eiffel-tower-landmark.htm>)

**0. romance**

**1. construct**

**2. revolt**

**3. transmit**

**4. precision**

**5. weight**

**6. vary**

**7. energy**

**8. fold**

**9. visit**

**10. season**

**11. remark**

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