



the Smithsonian

A great place to learn



The Smithsonian is a complex of 19 museums, 9 research centres and a zoo. There are museums in New York City, Virginia, Washington DC and Panama.



Air and Space

The National Air and Space Museum is the most popular of all with over 6 million visitors every year. It has the largest collection of planes and spacecraft in the world. Here you can see one of the first planes, the *Wright Flyer*, and one of the Apollo Lunar Module spacecraft that astronauts travelled to the moon in.

Natural History

The National Museum of Natural History is full of animals, from insects to whales and everything in between. You can also see dinosaur bones and visit the Insect Zoo. The museum is open 364 days of the year and it's free to visit.



Art

The American Art Museum has a huge collection of paintings and sculptures by American artists. In the same building is the National Portrait Gallery. Here you can see paintings of famous Americans. You can also see portraits of all the American presidents and learn about them.



American History

The National Museum of American History has an amazing collection of important items from American history. You can see one of the first flags, the famous Star-Spangled Banner, and the hat Abraham Lincoln was wearing when he died.



Read the text in the Student's Book again and write **T** for **True** or **F** for **False**.

1. More people visit the National Air and Space Museum than the other museums. ☐
2. You can see one of the first planes at the National Air and Space Museum. ☐
3. At the National Museum of Natural History, you can see lots of different animals. ☐
4. You have to pay to get into the National Museum of Natural History. ☐
5. At the American Art Museum, you can see paintings by artists from all over the world. ☐
6. At the American Art Museum, you can see Abraham Lincoln's hat. ☐