



Listen and fill in the gaps

Barcelona's world-famous La Sagrada Família basilica (1) _____ given a building permit 136 years after construction on the site began. The church has (2) _____ \$41 million in fees that date back to 1882, which is when ground was (3) _____ the building. City authorities have given the church a 10-year timeframe to pay the fees. Barcelona's mayor (4) _____ deal as a historic agreement. She said the funds would be allotted to municipal projects that will improve the metro system, roads, public (5) _____ neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment of this majestic building is to improve the quality of (6) _____ and visitors as well as the image of Barcelona."

La Sagrada Família was designed by renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí, a modernist (7) _____ designed many eye-catching, unique and eccentric buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica is slated for completion in 2026, (8) _____ after Gaudí's death. Construction (9) _____ La Sagrada Família for over a century without any inspections (10) _____. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica, (11) _____ from a cathedral in it not being the seat of a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, (12) _____ 20 million visitors a year.