

CULTURE

MUSEUMS AROUND THE WORLD

FACTFILE

Museums around the world

We can find museums in countries all over the world. There are museums for all types of people: museums about animals, sport, art, culture, science, the past and lots more.

Here are four great museums, in four different English-speaking countries. Young people everywhere can enjoy them:

- ★ the Hockey Hall of Fame
- ★ Questacon
- ★ MOMA
- ★ the Natural History Museum

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1 Which adjectives do you think of when you hear the word 'museum'? Tick (✓) them.

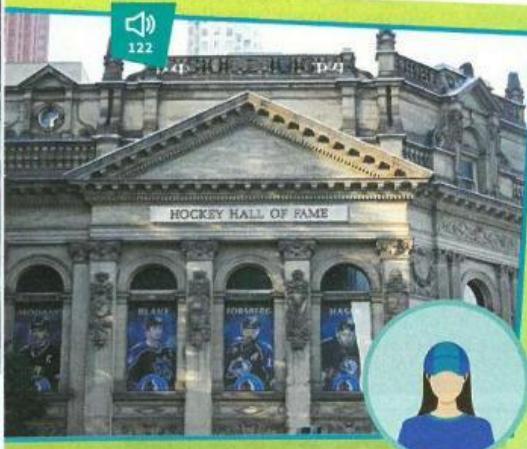
beautiful boring cheap exciting
expensive interesting new old

2 Is there a museum near where you live? What type of museum is it?
3 How often do you visit museums? Often, sometimes or never?
4 Do you like visiting museums? Why / Why not?

2 Look at the photos on the web page and the names of the museums in the Factfile. Which museums do you *think* are in the text? Tick (✓) them.

A science museum
A history museum
An art museum
A sports museum
A toy museum

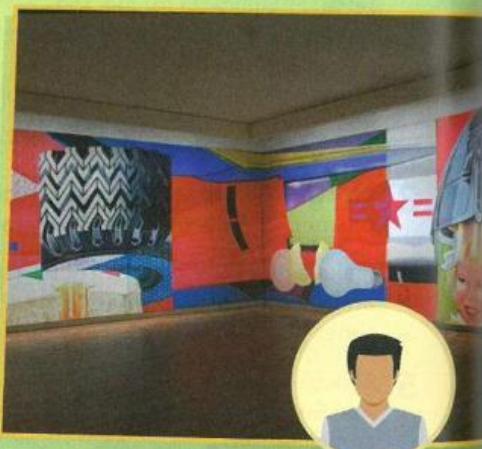
3 Read the web page quickly. Were your answers in Exercise 2 correct?



I'm Karen. I'm from Canada. My favourite museum in Canada is the Hockey Hall of Fame. It's a museum about ice hockey. Ice hockey is Canada's national winter sport! The museum is in Toronto. I really like this museum because I love sport. My favourite thing is Shoot Out. You play ice hockey with a famous hockey player. It isn't a real person. It's the size of an adult and it's on a computer. It's cool!



I'm James. I'm from Australia. My favourite museum in Australia is Questacon. It's a museum about science and technology. Questacon is in Canberra, the capital city of Australia. I like this museum because I love science. You can do experiments. But my favourite activity is robot hockey. You can play air hockey. You play against a robot. It's awesome!



I'm Matt and I'm from the USA. My favourite museum in the USA is MOMA (Museum of Modern Art). That's right, it's a museum of art and it's in New York, the biggest city in the USA. I like this museum because I love modern art. My favourite activity is the Art Passport. You draw pictures and answer questions when you visit the museum. It's great!

4 Read the web page again. Complete the table for the first three museums.

Name of museum	Hockey Hall of Fame	Questacon	MOMA	Natural History Museum
Country		Australia		
City	Toronto			
Type of museum			modern art	
Fun activity				the Dinosaur Trail

5 Complete the phrases with the verbs.

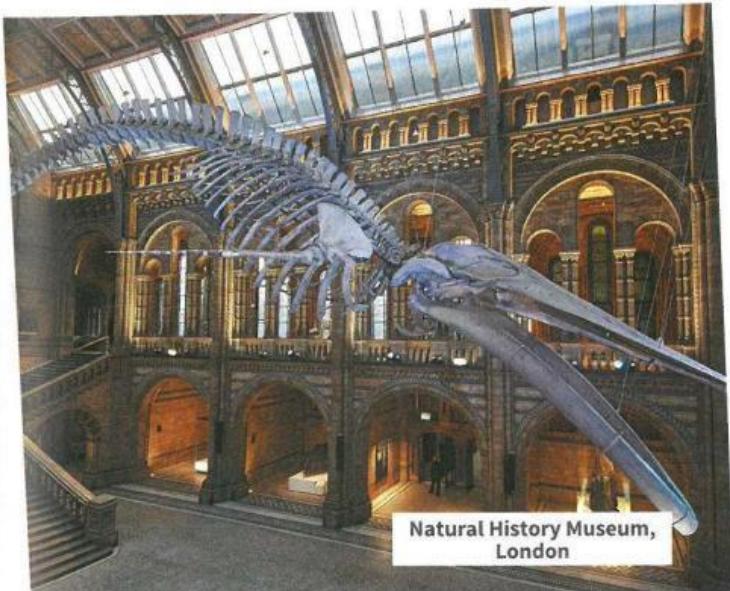
answer do draw play play visit

1	ice hockey	4	pictures
2	experiments	5	questions
3	air hockey	6	the museum

Now check your answers. Look at **highlighted** words on the web page.

6 Listen to Beth. She is giving a presentation about her favourite museum. Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does she like this museum?
- 2 Why can anyone visit this museum?



7 Listen to Beth again. Complete the table in Exercise 4.



TALKING POINTS

Which museum in the table is your favourite?

Why do you like this museum?

PROJECT

A poster about a museum

In pairs or small groups, make a poster about a museum in your country. Use photos or draw pictures on your poster. Remember to write:

- the name of the museum
- where it is
- what it is
- why you like it
- what you can do there

Finally, present your museum poster to the class. Take turns to talk. One person says the name of the museum, where it is and what type of museum it is. Another person says why they like the museum. Another person says what you can do there.