Colosseum

Fill in the blank below to complete the facts :

1) The Colosseum was built between _____ and_____ under the _____ _____, in the heart of Ancient Rome.

2) Made from _____ and _____, this magnificent monument was built with the man power of tens of thousands of slaves.

3) The Colosseum is the largest _____ (meaning "theatre in the round") in the world! Oval in shape, it measures 189m long, 156m wide and 50m high (about the height of a 12-storey building). This ancient sporting arena could easily fit a modern-day football pitch inside!

4) This brilliant building had _____ and could seat approximately _____ _____ who would come to watch sporting events and games. These events included gladiatorial combats, wild animal hunts and, believe it or not, ship naval battles!

5) Free for all! At the Colosseum's major events – often those organised and paid for by the emperors themselves – there was no entry fee. And _____ _____ was sometimes served, too. Bonus! Emperors would use this as a way to gain popularity and support from the public.

6) The event at the Colosseum were seriously brutal, though – during certain games held by the emperors around _____ were killed in a single day.

7) The first games ever to be held were in 80 A.D, under _____ _____ (the son of Vespasian), and they ran for _____ _____ _____. Games continued to be held for centuries to come – gladiatorial games until the fifth century and animal hunts until the 6th century.

8) To protect the spectators from the blistering sun and heat of Ancient Rome, there was the _____ – an awning that could be pulled over the top of the seating area to provide shade. Clever, eh?

9) Below the Colosseum were numerous rooms and _____ _____. Here is where the animals and gladiators were kept, waiting to meet their fate in the arena above. There were also _____ _____ _____ in the arena for special effects!

10) Although _____ of the colosseum has been destroyed over time – mostly the result of vandalism, _____ and fires – it is today a popular _____, attracting thousands of people every year!