

PRACTICE 2

You are going to read an article about some of the world's famous leaning towers. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

LEANING TOWERS AROUND THE WORLD

There are many leaning towers in the world. 1 [] The most famous leaning tower is the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy even though it is not the oldest, the tallest or the furthest. In China, among the most popular is the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda of Xian, while in India the leaning Temple of Huma in Salampur is well known. These are a few among the many in the world. The Giant Wild Goose Pagoda was built in 652 during the Tang Dynasty and originally had five storeys. 2 [] However, it is not known if the temple is leaning by design or for another reason.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a freestanding bell tower of the cathedral of the Italian city of Pisa. It is known for its four-degree lean due to an unstable foundation. 3 [] It has eight storeys and is over 183 feet tall. 4 [] The builders believe that it will remain standing for another 200 years at least.

Even in Malaysia there is a leaning tower – the Leaning Tower of Teluk Intan. It is a clock tower in the district of Teluk Intan, Perak. 5 [] It was constructed in 1885 by Mr Leong Choon Cheong mainly to store water for the people nearby to use during the dry season and in case of fire. 6 [] From the outside however, it looks like it is eight storeys high. It also has a clock at the top and is made of bricks and wood.

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| A | The tower leans leftward like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, though it is not as old nor as tall. |
| B | The Leaning Temple of Huma in Salampu, India is one of the only two leaning temples in the world. |
| C | There are numerous leaning towers in Asia too but they are not as popular. |
| D | It is 25.5 metres tall and only three storeys high. |
| E | It was designed to be perfectly vertical but started to lean during construction in 1171. |
| F | In May 2008, after removing the bells, holding the tower with cables and removing the earth on the raised side, the tower has stopped moving. |
| G | It took two centuries to build this tower which has not stopped moving sideways. |
| H | A leaning tower is a tower which does not stand perpendicular to the ground. |