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Historic buildings

Reading activity

Historic buildings aren't always old! They can be modern, too.
Let's take a look at three very different historic buildings!

Name: CN Tower
Toronto, Canada
Year: 1976

The CN Tower is 553 metres high. It was the tallest tower in the world for 34 years!

At the top there's a restaurant, and you can see beautiful views of the busy city of Toronto.

Fun fact

In China there's a building that looks like a piano and a violin!

Name: Sydney Opera House
Sydney, Australia
Year: 1973

The water around Sydney Opera House is very busy: there are a lot of boats! Sydney Opera House looks like a boat, too! It's very modern and it's the most famous building in Australia.

Name: The Colosseum
Rome, Italy
Year: 80 BCE

The Colosseum is an ancient theatre in Rome, Italy. It's more than 2,000 years old! It's round and it's very big. In Roman times it was very popular and people watched shows there. Today it's quiet inside, but many years ago it was very noisy.

1 Look and number.

modern ☐

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ancient ☐

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views ☐

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theatre ☐

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tower ☐

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2 After you read Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The CN Tower |  | a is an ancient Roman theatre. |
| 2 The Colosseum | | b looks like a boat. |
| 3 Sydney Opera House | | c was the tallest tower in the world for many years. |
| | | d was very noisy inside. |
| | | e has got a restaurant at the top. |
| | | f is the most famous building in the country. |

3 Read and choose.

- 1 The CN tower is the most ancient / modern building and the Colosseum is the most ancient / modern.
- 2 I think the Sydney Opera House is taller / more famous than the CN Tower, but the Colosseum is the most famous / quietest of all.