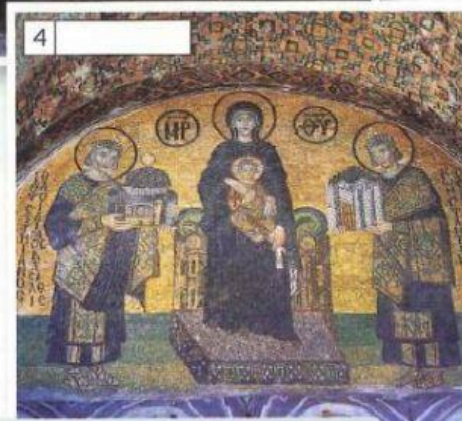
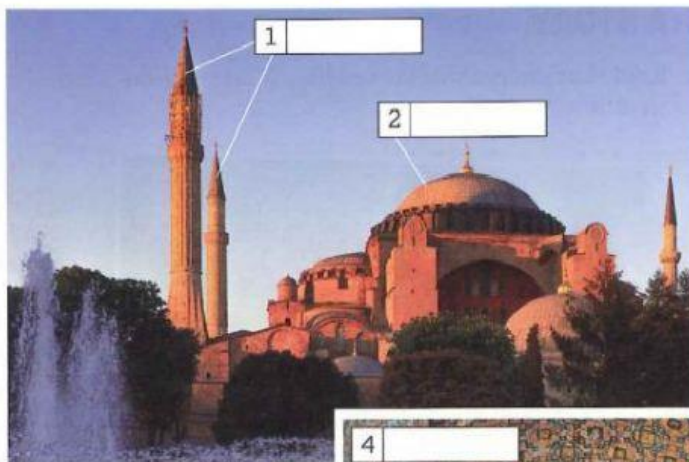


7 DESCRIBING A BUILDING

- a Read the description of the Hagia Sofia. Match the **highlighted** words with the pictures.
- b Read the description again and match the questions with paragraphs 1–5.
 - a How much does it cost to go in? ____
 - b What does it look like outside? ____
 - c What does it look like inside? ____
 - d What's the most beautiful building in your town? Where is it? ____
 - e Who was it built by? When was it built? ____
- c There are five places where the writer has used the **wrong** word. Can you correct them?
- d You're going to write a description of a building in your town or city for a tourism website. **Plan** what you're going to write. Answer the questions in **b** in the right order. You may need to research some of the information.
- e **Write** your description. Use the **Useful language** to help you.



Useful language: describing a famous building
 It is situated in...
 It was designed / built by...
 Construction began / was completed in...
 Inside, you can see...
 There is / are...
 It is famous for...

- f Check your description for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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- 1 I think the most beautiful building in my town is the Hagia Sophia. It's situated in a historic part of Istanbul called Sultanahmet.
- 2 The Roman emperor Justinian built the Hagia Sophia on the spot were two other churches had burned down. Construction began in 532 and the building was completed in 537. In 1453 it became a mosque, and it's been a museum since 1935.
- 3 It was the world's largest cathedral for nearly a thousand years and it is famous for it's large **dome**. It is surrounded by four tall **minarets**, each of which is different. There is also a lovely park in front of the building.
- 4 Inside the Hagia Sophia you can look up at the dome, which has beautiful Arabic writing in the centre. On the second floor, their are beautiful **mosaics** on the walls. Some of them are more than a thousand years old. In the north-west of the building there is a **column** with a hole in the middle called the Wishing Column which people think has special powers.
- 5 If your over 18, you must pay an entrance fee of 25 Turkish lira (about 10 euros). The building is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (7 p.m. in summer) but is closed on Mondays.

WRITE HERE YOUR DESCRIPTION OF AN INTERESTING BUILDING IN YOUR TOWN OR COUNTRY FOR A TOURISM WEBSITE