

Modern Wonders

Complete the first two components, Pre-Reading Zone In and Pre-Reading Predicting, before reading the complete text. Then undertake the remaining components, from During Reading My Connection. Each component will open the relevant pages of text, if applicable, but you can go back to any part of the text at any time.

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The first three questions are literal questions, so the correct statement can be found in the text. The next two are interpretative or inferential questions, meaning that students need to interpret or infer from the text to find the correct statement. The final question is an applied or evaluative question, so students need to apply or evaluate the information from the text to choose an answer, and there may be no “correct” answer.

Here are the answers for the assessment task.

Literal

1. d Modern Wonders are special buildings and monuments that are significant because of their size, beauty, and historical and cultural worth.
2. a The Empire State Building was built in 410 days.
3. b The Gateway Arch can sway up to 230 centimetres each way.

Interpretative or inferential

1. a, but may vary. A Modern Wonder is a built structure that makes you wonder how it was built.
2. d All of the above are required to create a Modern Wonder.

Applied or evaluative

Answers will vary.

As an additional assessment task, ask each student to read the following text out loud. Then mark any errors and work out the percentage of accuracy to see how well each student can read aloud.

This text is 171 words. To convert to a percentage of accuracy, divide the number of words pronounced correctly by 171 and multiply by 100.

Modern Wonders are special buildings and monuments that are significant because of their size, beauty, and historical and cultural worth.

What people have made

It is hard to define what makes something a modern wonder. The Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil is not the largest in the world, but its setting on top of a mountain is spectacular. Kinkaku-ji is not the most important temple for Japanese Buddhists, but it is covered in pure gold and has an amazing history.

A construction like the North Sea Protection Works is not considered beautiful, but its role in the lives of Dutch people is vital. The Burj Dubai tower in the Middle East is a wonder because of its height — it is almost twice as tall as the next highest building in the world. The Sistine Chapel is a single room, but it holds some of the most beautiful and iconic paintings ever produced.

All these buildings and monuments draw millions of visitors every year to marvel at what other people have made.