

ENGLISH

Chapter 19 Session A

2nd SECONDARY

AMAZING PLACES
Superlatives





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Places to Visit

Match pictures 1-7 with the places in the box. Mark an X in the words not represented in the pictures.

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a castle X a cave 5 a coastline X
a lighthouse 4 an opera house X
a pyramid 6 a rainforest 1 a reef 2
a ruin 3 a temple 3 a tomb 7
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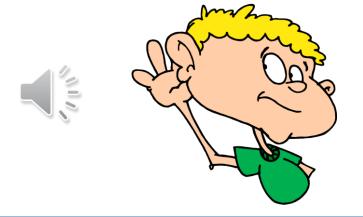
(1) 67 Listen and repeat.

3 Underline the correct words.

- a The city of Pompeii is full of Roman ruins pyramids.
- b La Scala in Milan is the world's most famous tomb / opera house
- c West Quoddy Light in Maine is an old castle (lighthouse.)
- d The most famous reef / cave in the world is near the coast of Australia.
- e The most biodiverse rainforest coastline is in Brazil.

- f The Tower of London is a famous lighthouse / castle.
- g The Parthenon is an ancient Greek temple / cathedral.
- h Lascaux, in France, has a **ruin cave** with pre-historic paintings.

4 Listen to Rita and Dan. What is Cuzco famous for?
Inca ruins.



READING 1

1 Look at the pictures and the title of the newspaper feature. What do the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Taj Mahal have in common?

They are both World Heritage sites.









Read and listen. Check your

answer.

A World of Heritage

What do these places have in common? Stonehenge, Notre Dame, Yellowstone National Park, and the Inca ruins of Cuzco. Any ideas? Yes, they are all UNESCO World Heritage sites.

1 There are 1,073 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Many people think that World Heritage sites are all famous old structures like Stonehenge, but this is not true. Some are natural places, like Yellowstone National Park, not cultural, man-made monuments.

Two of the most famous cultural sites are the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Taj Mahal in Agra, India.

2 The Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu ordered his people to build the Great Pyramid as his tomb. It took nearly 100,000 workers 20 years to complete. The builders needed over 2 million granite blocks to make the pyramid, but first they had to transport the blocks over 500 miles. They used

boats to bring the blocks down the River Nile from Aswan, and the result was the biggest pyramid in the world.

3 The Taj Mahal is not as old as the Great Pyramid. In the seventeenth century, the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan had a favorite wife called Mumtaz Mahal. When she died he wanted to build an everlasting monument for her. He ordered 20,000 workers to build an enormous white marble tomb decorated with gold and precious

stones. The builders needed more than 1,000 elephants to bring the marble to the site. It took over 20 years to build and it looks more like a palace than a tomb. Many people think the Taj Mahal is more beautiful than the Great Pyramid. Some people even call it the loveliest building in the world.

Why not look at the UNESCO website and find out if there are any World Heritage sites near you?

- 3 Read the feature again. Match headings a-c with paragraphs 1-3.
 - a 3 The Taj Mahal
 - b 1 UNESCO Sites
 - c 2 The Great Pyramid



4 Choose the correct answers.

a The Taj Mahal and the Great Pyramid are both...

1 in India.

2 cultural sites.

3 natural sites.

b How did the builders move the granite to build the Great Pyramid?

1 by elephant

2 by chariot

3 by boat

c Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?

1 because his wife died

2 as a palace for his family

3 as a present for his wife

d Which site is older?

1 the Great Pyramid

2 the Taj Mahal

3 they are the same age

- 5 What do these numbers refer to in the text?
 - a 1,073 The number of World Heritage sites.
 - **b** 2 million The number of granite blocks it took to build the pyramid.
 - c 100,000 The number of workers who built the Great Pyramid.
 - d 500 How many miles they moved the stones.
 - e 20,000 The number of builders who worked on the Taj Mahal.
 - f 1,000 How many elephants were used

6 Match words a-e with definitions 1-5.

in common 1 e most beautiful

b slaves 2 d continuing to exist for ever

c blocks 3 a the same

d everlasting 4 c large pieces of stone

e loveliest 5 b workers who are not free

7 CLASS VOTE Which of the World Heritage sites in the feature would you like to visit?











Amazing Places



VOCABULARY 1

Places to Visit

- 1 Match the words with the places.
 - a 5 castle

d 2 rainforest

- b 1 opera house
- e 4 temple

c 3 pyramid



Sydney, Australia.



Amazon



Giza, Egypt



Parthenon, Athens



Windsor, England

Complete the words with vowels. Then match them with the numbers on the map.

- **a** 4 C <u>a v e</u>
- b 5 c o a stl i ne
- c 2 lighthouse
- **d** 6 r<u>e</u>ef
- e 1 r<u>u i</u>n
- f 3 tomb



3 Match the places in the box with the sentences.

castle cave lighthouse opera house rainforest reef ruins tomb

The trees were really high. We saw monkeys, parrots and capybaras. <u>rainforest</u>

a Look at the fish. They are such beautiful colors. I love exploring underwater.

Reef

- b These buildings were stores and houses. They don't have roofs now and some walls are missing, but you can still imagine the rooms. <u>Ruins</u>
- c They built it in a very strong position on this mountain. Nobody could attack it. Castle
- d I heard Plácido Domingo sing here once. It was a Mozart opera. <u>Opera house</u>

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- e It says, 'Here lies Agnes Maitland, who died January 11th, 1899.' _____Tomb___
- It has huge lamps that go round. Ships know they are near a dangerous coastline when they see it. <u>Lighthouse</u>
- g I don't want to go into it. It's very dark. I'm sure it's full of spiders and bats.

___Cave_

