



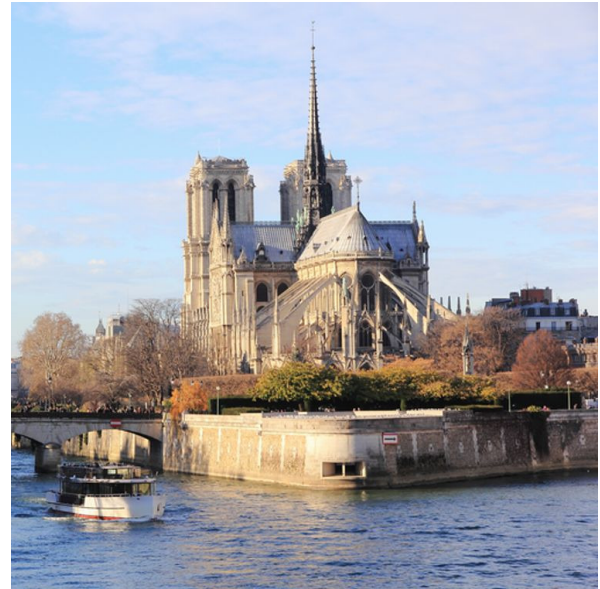
THE NOTRE DAME FIRE



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Warm-up

What do you know about The Notre-Dame cathedral?

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Key words

Match the words on the left to the definitions on the right.

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| 1. onlookers | a. a man-made object of historical interest such as a tool or a decoration |
| 2. heritage | b. existing for a long time |
| 3. commission | c. important things belonging to the culture of a particular society, such as traditions, languages, or buildings |
| 4. emerge | d. people who are watching something happening in a public place |
| 5. enduring | e. to become known |
| 6. an artefact | f. to formally order a special piece of work |
| 7. immortalise | g. to make something so famous that it is remembered for a very long time |



Now use the words in the proper spaces in the sentences below. Make sure they are grammatically correct.

1. He was _____ in a song. The country will never forget about him.
2. After the gunshot, a crowd of curious _____ gathered round to see what happened.
3. The archaeologists found many ancient _____ in the area.
4. He's the most exciting singer to _____ from the UK's modern rock scene.
5. The queen decided to _____ a famous artist to paint her portrait.
6. I still have many _____ memories of the time I spent in Africa.
7. Buckingham Palace is part of the cultural _____ of England.

3**Before you read**

On 15 April 2019, a fire broke out under the roof of the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris. Some features of the building were lost forever. Match the architectural words with the pictures below them.

a bourdon (bell)

a rib-vaulted ceiling

a facade

a spire

a pipe organ

a stained-glass window



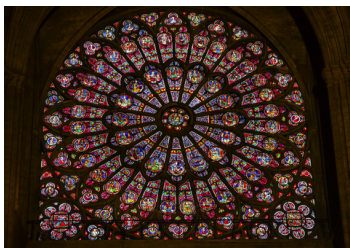
1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



You are going to read an article about the Notre-Dame cathedral fire. First, read the questions below and try to guess the possible answer. Scan the text on the next page to check your assumptions.

1. What does 'Notre Dame' mean?
 - a. Our Masterpiece
 - b. A Standing Stone
 - c. Our Lady
2. How old is the Notre-Dame cathedral?
 - a. 1100 years old
 - b. 850 years old
 - c. 950 years old
3. What is the architectural style of the Cathedral?
 - a. Gothic
 - b. Baroque
 - c. Renaissance
4. How long did it take firefighters to stop the fire?
 - a. 6 hours
 - b. 9 hours
 - c. 14 hours
5. How many years could it take to reconstruct the cathedral?
 - a. 10-20 years
 - b. 25-30 years
 - c. over 30 years
6. How long did the completion of the Notre-Dame take after it was commissioned?
 - a. 250 years
 - b. 200 years
 - c. nearly 100 years
7. How many bells did the Cathedral have?
 - a. only one
 - b. eight
 - c. ten





Notre-Dame in flames!

April 15th, 2019

1. **The cathedral on fire**

A major fire began in the attic of the 850-year-old Gothic cathedral on Monday April 15 at around 7pm local time. Within minutes, it reached the roof destroying the wooden rib-vaulted ceiling, the spire, the extraordinary three "rose" stained-glass windows and the many historical artefacts inside the cathedral, including a 17th-century pipe organ (one of the largest in the world).

2. A spokesman for the Cathedral reported: "a fire alarm went off almost immediately and we began the fire drill procedures at once". Thanks to the quick reaction of staff and rescue teams, many artefacts were rescued from the flames. Some onlookers said that the smoke and flames could be seen from many parts of the city, until it spread further leaving everyone with the feeling of complete devastation.

3. As the fire raged, the citizens of France and people around the world observed how quickly the flames managed to damage this historically and architecturally significant landmark.

4. After nine hours, the firefighters finally managed to extinguish the fire. The total loss is estimated to be above £37 million (\$48 million), and the reconstruction work could take from 10 to 20 years to complete.

5. Although the exact cause of the fire remained unclear, there was some speculation about the possible fault of the conservation workers who had left the site several hours before the disaster.

6. **The importance of place and time**

It is believed that before the arrival of Christianity in France, a temple dedicated to the Roman god Jupiter stood on the same spot. Later, it was replaced with an Early Christian basilica (a special church), which

was also completely demolished to make place for the new Notre-Dame de Paris ('Our Lady of Paris').

7. To be more precise, it was in 1163 when the Notre Dame Cathedral was commissioned by King Louis VII, who wanted it to be a symbol of Paris's political, economic, intellectual and cultural power at home and abroad. The city had emerged as the centre of power in France and it needed a religious monument to match its new status.

8. It took 200 years to complete the interior and exterior of the cathedral – the two towers on the west facade were built in the early 13th century. The north tower was accessible to visitors via a 387-step staircase, while the south tower was home to the cathedral's 10 bells.

9. **A symbol of power lost in fire**

Among the most famous of the bells, the bourdon – named Emmanuel – has tolled at most major events in the history of France, including the coronation of kings, papal visits and to mark the end of two world wars. It might be a long time before it will toll again.

10. **Not all lost**

Thankfully, the cathedral has been immortalised by the latest technology such as Google images (which will help to recreate its details) and it will also be remembered in popular culture thanks to Victor Hugo and his famous novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, later turned into a Disney film (about Quasimodo and his life at the cathedral).

11. So with financial support, the restoration of the Notre-Dame cathedral will be possible. There is hope, as citizens of many countries have already started collecting money in order to rebuild this important symbol of Gothic architecture and European history.

Sources: *The Guardian*, *BBC*, *Wikipedia*



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Checking understanding

Answer the questions.

1. What was destroyed in the fire at the cathedral?
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2. Where was the smoke visible from?
.....
3. How did the situation affect onlookers?
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4. What was situated in same spot many centuries before the Notre-Dame cathedral?
.....
5. At what events has the bourdon 'Emmanuel' tolled?
.....
6. What will help to 'immortalise' the cathedral?
.....

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Words from the text

Find words in the text which mean ...

1. feeling very shocked or upset (**uncountable noun, P.2**) _____
2. happened in a strong or violent way (**verb, P.3**): _____
3. an important building or a place that is easily recognized (**noun, P.3**): _____
4. stop (the fire) from burning (**verb, P.4**): _____
5. ring slowly and repeatedly (**verb, P.9**): _____
6. a person who has a large raised area on his/her back e.g. because of old age (**noun, P.10**):

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Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below.

1. What are your country's most important cultural buildings?
2. What is your favourite building?
3. Do you think it's important to protect historical buildings?
4. Do you think it's important to reconstruct the Notre-Dame cathedral or should the money be spent on helping the world's poor, for example?