



Quick Check

Eiffel Tower

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of this book?
 - (A) The Eiffel Tower is the tallest structure in the world today.
 - (B) The Eiffel Tower is a famous structure in Rome, Italy.
 - (C) The Eiffel Tower is named after the city in which it is built.
 - (D) The Eiffel Tower is one of the best-known landmarks in the world.
2. Why were Gustave Eiffel and his company chosen to build the Eiffel Tower?
 - (A) Gustave Eiffel paid the government to allow him to build the Eiffel Tower.
 - (B) They won a contest held by the organizers of the 1889 World's Fair.
 - (C) The city of Paris asked Gustave Eiffel to design the Eiffel Tower.
 - (D) Gustave Eiffel was the wealthiest man in France at the time.
3. Why did a group of protesters try to stop the building of the Eiffel Tower?
 - (A) They thought the Eiffel Tower would look ridiculous and be an eyesore.
 - (B) They wanted to build a different structure instead of the Eiffel Tower.
 - (C) They did not think that Gustave Eiffel fairly won the contest.
 - (D) They wanted to protest the government of the time.
4. Why wasn't the Eiffel Tower torn down after twenty years like it was supposed to be?
 - (A) Gustave Eiffel paid the government to let it remain standing.
 - (B) The people of Paris voted to keep the Eiffel Tower standing.
 - (C) Gustave Eiffel made the tower valuable to scientists.
 - (D) The Eiffel Tower was never supposed to be torn down after twenty years.

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5. What is an **engineer**?

- Ⓐ a person who studies the stars, plants, comets, and other things in space
- Ⓑ a person who studies the remains of ancient cultures
- Ⓒ a person who is skilled at a craft or trade
- Ⓓ a person who designs, builds, or repairs machines, buildings, or bridges

6. **Extended Response:** Why was the Eiffel Tower an incredible engineering accomplishment at the time it was built?



Quick Check Answer Sheet

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1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include that the Eiffel Tower was the tallest structure ever built at the time, it was completed very quickly, it included elevators (which were considered an important technical feat), it was built out of iron, and so on.