


Reading

10 The tallest building in the world

1  Read about Burj Khalifa. Complete the questions with the correct question words.

1 'Where' is Burj Khalifa?

'In Dubai.'

2 '_____ did it open?'

'In January 2010.'

3 '_____ high is it?'

'828 metres.'

4 '_____ floors are there?'

'160.'

5 '_____ did it cost to build?'

'US \$1.5 billion.'

6 '_____ does it take to clean all the windows?'

'Four months.'

2 Complete the sentences.

1 It is _____ building in the world.

2 It has _____ lift in the world.

3 It has _____ mosque and swimming pool in the world.

3 Answer the questions.

1 How long did it take to build the tower?

2 What is on the 76th floor?

3 Is Taipei 101 taller than Burj Khalifa?
How high is it?

4 Who is Bill Baker?

5 What was the most difficult problem?

6 How much does the top of the building move in the wind?

7 How many people live and work there?

8 Is it hotter at the top or at the bottom?

HIGHER THAN THE CLOUDS

It reaches into the sky for nearly a kilometre. Burj Khalifa is, for the time being, the world's tallest building.

THE WORLD'S tallest building opened in January 2010. It is Burj Khalifa in the Gulf emirate of Dubai, and it is 828 metres high. It took six years to build.

The tower has 160 floors and more than 500,000 square metres of space for offices and flats. It has the fastest lift (64 km/h), the highest mosque (on the 158th floor), and the highest swimming pool (on the 76th floor).

Burj Khalifa is taller than Taipei 101 in Taiwan, which was the world's tallest building at 508 metres. The Burj Khalifa tower can be seen 95 kilometres away.

'We weren't sure how high we could go,' said Bill Baker, the building's structural engineer. 'It's a learning experience.'

Mohamed Ali Alabbar, the developer of Burj Khalifa, said that there were a lot of problems with the design. 'The most difficult parts weren't because of the height but because of the winds,' he told journalists. The top of the building moves 1.5 metres in high winds.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BUILDING'S STATISTICS

- **57** lifts
- Cost **US \$1.5** billion
- **1,044** luxury apartments
- **12,000** people live and work there
- It is **6°C** cooler at the top than at the bottom
- It takes **36** men four months to clean the windows

- 8 works, than
9 has got / has, job than
- 7 3 younger; the youngest
4 happier; the happiest
5 more beautiful; the most beautiful
6 bigger; the biggest
7 busier; the busiest
8 more intelligent; the most intelligent
9 worse; the worst
10 further; the furthest
11 newer; the newest
12 more dangerous; the most dangerous
- 8 2 My sister is younger than me.
3 Who is the oldest in the class?
4 The Airbus A380 is the biggest passenger plane in the world.
5 Your book is more interesting than my book.
6 Peter bought the most expensive TV in the shop.
7 Did you buy the cheapest watch in the shop?
8 English is much more difficult than German.
9 The weather today is much better than yesterday.
- 9 2 the highest, Everest
3 the biggest, student's own answer
4 the most popular, student's own answer
5 the oldest, Bologna
6 the youngest, student's own answer
7 the most intelligent, student's own answer
- 10 1 2 When 3 How 4 How many
5 How much 6 How long
- 2 1 the tallest 2 the fastest
3 the highest
- 3 1 Six years.
2 A swimming pool.
3 No, it isn't. 508 m.
4 The building's structural engineer.
5 The winds.
6 1.5 metres.
7 12,000.
8 The bottom.
- 11 1 2 exciting
3 a small fishing village
4 friendly, welcome
5 swimming, wind-surfing
6 skiing, ski, snow
7 restaurants
8 hotter, rain
9 cheaper, much bigger
- 2 1 family and friends
2 the seasons
3 the green countryside

- 12 1 statue 2 railway station
4 traffic lights 5 petrol station
6 car park 7 bridge
8 shopping centre 9 hill
10 block of flats 11 wood 12 market
13 roundabout 14 pedestrian crossing
- 13 The railway station
- 14 1 2 at 3 in 4 at 5 outside
6 at 7 at 8 on 9 At 10 in
2 2 along 3 through 4 up 5 down
6 over 7 past 8 round

Unit 10

- 1 2 on 3 on 4 at 5 in 6 at
7 in/at 8 at 9 on 10 at
- 2 1 smoking 2 going 3 drinking
4 doing 5 driving 6 reading
7 buying 8 wearing 9 running
- 3 2 e 3 a 4 f 5 g 6 d 7 b
- 4 1 2 's driving
3 're watching
4 's reading
5 's washing
6 're drinking/having.
- 2 2 What's he driving
3 What are they watching
4 What's he reading
5 What's she washing
6 What are they drinking/having
- 3 2 He isn't driving
3 They aren't watching
4 He isn't reading
5 She isn't washing
6 They aren't drinking
- 5 1 3 is she speaking
4 does she speak
5 'm reading
6 read
7 do you think
8 are you thinking
9 don't eat
10 'm not eating
- 2 5 She's a teacher 6 she does
7 she isn't 8 She's playing the guitar
9 She's a postwoman 10 she does
11 she is 12 He's an actor 13 he does
14 he isn't 15 He's having breakfast
- 3 2 I think
3 I'm working
4 I don't understand
5 she's having
- 6 2 are, 'm 3 does 4 'm, do
5 doesn't, 's 6 don't 7 are, 're
8 is, 's

- 7 3 ✓
4 ✗ Researchers collected 400 million messages over seven days.
5 ✗ Most tweets are in English.
6 ✓
7 ✗ The most common sentences are 'I'm working' and 'I'm sleepy'.
- 8 ✓
9 ✗ There is not one main reason why people use Twitter.
- 10 ✓
- 8 1 1 Journalist
2 Librarian
3 History teacher
4 Marketing director
- 2 2 a 3 d 4 c
- 3 1 The news.
2 Because when a story begins there, it often becomes the most important story of the day.
3 Meat free Monday.
4 Farmers.
5 A conference for history teachers.
6 Yes.
7 Both.
8 Different countries and cultures.
- 9 2 anybody 3 nothing 4 anywhere
5 nobody 6 everything 7 Everybody
8 nowhere 9 anything 10 everywhere
- 10 2 Tom 3 Jenny 4 Jenny 5 Tom
6 Mike 7 Mike 8 Jenny 9 Mike
10 Tom 11 Jenny 12 Tom

- 11 2 e 3 g 4 a 5 c 6 h 7 f
8 i 9 d
- 12 2 ski 3 to ski 4 to listen 5 listen
6 listening 7 learning 8 to learn
9 learn 10 going 11 to go 12 go
- 13 2 Learning 3 skiing 4 Running
5 living, living 6 saying
- 14 2 They're having a game of cards.
3 They're having a lesson.
4 They're having an argument.
5 They're having lunch.
6 They're having a drink.
7 They're having a picnic.
8 They're having a party.

Unit 11

- 1 2 She's going to be an accountant.
3 She's going to be a nanny.
4 They're going to be athletes.
5 He's going to be a politician.
6 They're going to be explorers.
7 She's going to be a journalist.
8 They're going to be in a band.