

## World 03: Alhambra Palace (Spain)



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### Exercise 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions (Vocabulary and Expressions)

**Directions:** Listen and repeat.

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Vocabulary and Expressions	Example
<b>fortress</b> (fortress)	The <b>fortress</b> was built in 1657.
<b>renovated</b> (renovated)	I had my apartment <b>renovated</b> last year.
<b>inspiration</b> (inspiration)	I need <b>inspiration</b> in order to write my novel.
<b>reddish</b> (reddish)	I think some <b>reddish</b> curtains would go perfectly in the bedroom.
<b>irregular</b> (irregular)	The dress has an <b>irregular</b> pattern.
<b>cascade</b> (cascade)	Let's go visit the <b>cascade</b> on Sunday.
<b>take a stroll</b> (take a stroll)	I would like to <b>take a stroll</b> through the park.
<b>intricate</b> (intricate)	The building has a very <b>intricate</b> design.
<b>stunning</b> (stunning)	When I saw her, I was breathless. She was simply <b>stunning!</b>
<b>sculpture</b> (sculpture)	You could study <b>sculpture</b> in a vocational school.
<b>once in a lifetime</b> (once in a lifetime)	I have a <b>once in a lifetime</b> opportunity to visit Brazil.

## Exercise 2 | Dialogue (Dialogue)

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**Directions:** Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

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*Carly and Sonya are talking about the Alhambra Palace, located in Spain, well-known for its wonderful Islamic architectural style.*

**Carly** : My parents and I are planning a trip. We were thinking of going to Spain and visit the Alhambra Palace and **fortress** complex.

**Sonya** : I have never heard of that. What a strange name! I can barely pronounce it!

**Carly** : Yes, the name was given due to its **reddish** walls. It means Red Castle in Arabic.

**Sonya** : Is it old? And why is it Arabic, if it's in Spain?

**Carly** : It was **renovated** in the 11th century, but it is older than that. It was built for the Arabian generals and princes. The complex has quite an **irregular** shape, but the **intricate** architecture is **stunning**.

**Sonya** : I wonder why I haven't heard of it. Is it not famous?

**Carly** : It is pretty famous, actually. It is a World Heritage Site and it's served as **inspiration** for many songs and stories.

**Sonya** : Maybe I just don't know much about Europe.

**Carly** : There is also a beautiful park with fountains and **cascades**. I can't wait to **take a stroll** there. Oh and I really would like to see the 12 lion **sculptures** in the Court of Lions. The white marble makes them impressive.

**Sonya** : Please take pictures so I can see it. You made me curious now.

**Carly** : I promise! It might be a **once-in-a-lifetime** experience, so I can't afford not to take pictures.

### Exercise 3 | Filling in the Blanks (Filling in the Blanks)

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**Directions:** Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

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1. The weather is so nice! Let's go for a \_\_\_\_\_!
2. When I write stories, I get my \_\_\_\_\_ from the people around me.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the castle was destroyed in the war.
4. I don't like this \_\_\_\_\_ color and I don't think it looks good on me.
5. The wedding day is, for most of us, a \_\_\_\_\_ event.
6. I really like the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The doctor tried to find out the cause of her \_\_\_\_\_ heartbeat.
8. He decided to study \_\_\_\_\_, just like his father.
9. The view of the mount Fuji is simply \_\_\_\_\_!

inspiration	fortress	stunning
reddish	stroll	sculpture
once in a lifetime	cascade	irregular

## Exercise 4 | Free Conversation (Free Conversation)

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**Directions:** Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

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1. Could you describe some World Heritage Sites in your country?
2. Are fountains and/or cascades common in parks and gardens in your city/country? If not, what is common?
3. Would you like to visit Alhambra? Why or why not?
4. Do you like Islamic architecture? Do you know of other famous tourist destinations from the Islamic world?