

World 11: Eiffel Tower (France)



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Exercise 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions (Vocabulary and Expressions)

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Vocabulary and Expressions	Example
magnificent (magnificent)	This night was absolutely magnificent . I really had a great time.
constructional (constructional)	There was a constructional flaw, so that's why the car broke down.
erect (erect)	This building was erected in fifteen days.
centennial (centennial)	The centennial anniversary was held in the City Hall.
permanent (permanent)	This is a permanent marker, we'll never wash it off.
repurpose (repurpose)	As soon as something I have gets old, I find a way to repurpose it.
know ones facts (know ones facts)	He spends a lot of time reading textbooks, so he knows his facts .
conduct (conduct)	He conducted an experiment and nearly blew up the laboratory.
carry out (carry out)	If you cannot carry out the work, I'll find someone who will.
awe inspiring (awe inspiring)	The Great Egyptian Pyramids are surely awe inspiring .

Exercise 2 | Dialogue (Dialogue)

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

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*Bruno was standing in front of the Eiffel Tower, gazing in awe at the **magnificent** structure.
Mr. Dubois, the older gentleman, approached him.*

Mr. Dubois : Hello young man. I see you are enjoying this **constructional** masterpiece. May I ask, what do you think of it?

Bruno : Hello sir. I think the tower is an architectural wonder, but I don't like the fact that the majority of people see it only as a perfect dating site, and connect it with romance. What I see in it is science.

Mr. Dubois : Your point of view is quite interesting. What do you know about the scientific part of "Le Tour Eiffel"?

Bruno : I know that The Eiffel Tower was **erected** for the 1889 World's Fair to celebrate the **centennial** of the French Revolution, and it was not planned to be **permanent**. They were supposed to demolish it twenty years later, but they **repurposed** it as a giant radio antenna.

Mr. Dubois : You **know your facts**! That is very good! But there is more to it. The Tower is not just an antenna, it is also a place where a lot of scientific research is being done.

Bruno : I know. Its designer, Gustave Eiffel, built an apartment for himself, so that he could entertain the scientific greats of the time. Also, I know that there is a laboratory installed on top of the tower where Eiffel and the French scientists **conducted** experiments in the fields of astronomy, meteorology, and physiology.

Mr. Dubois : And aerodynamics too. There is a wind tunnel that was used to **carry out** experiments on the Wright Brother's airplanes and Porsche automobiles...

Bruno : (looking at the tower with a spark in his eye) It surely is **awe inspiring**!

Mr. Dubois : But you're young, you shouldn't be thinking only about science. Look around! It's true, the Eiffel Tower is a place of science, but together with Paris, it's a place of love and passion.

Bruno : I know, I know. I can't say that it's not, but...

Mr. Dubois : No buts! Just enjoy Paris, allow yourself to fall in love, and you surely will. Goodbye now.

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

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

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1. He had found some old junk in the junkyard, _____ it, and made a lawn mower.
2. Our honeymoon was _____. We travelled to amazing places, rested, and relaxed.
3. She really _____. Whatever question you ask her, she has an answer to it.
4. Nothing in life is _____, so cherish the things you have.
5. This monument was _____ in honor of the great king.
6. She _____ a survey on how people behave when they are facing an awkward situation.
7. I believe that Himalayas are _____ in all their beauty and magnitude.
8. The company has made a _____ plan that will keep them in business for a long time.

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Exercise 4 | Conversation Questions (Conversation Questions)

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

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1. Have you ever been to Paris? If you have, what do you think of it, and if not, would you like to go?
2. What do you think of The Eiffel Tower?
3. Why do you think Paris is considered to be one of the most romantic cities in the world?
4. Is there a place in your country that is considered to be romantic, like The Eiffel Tower is?
5. Do you know any other construction in the world that is similar in use to The Eiffel Tower?
6. Why do you think The Eiffel Tower is so popular?