

The Tower of Babel

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Summary

This book is about different languages and how they developed.

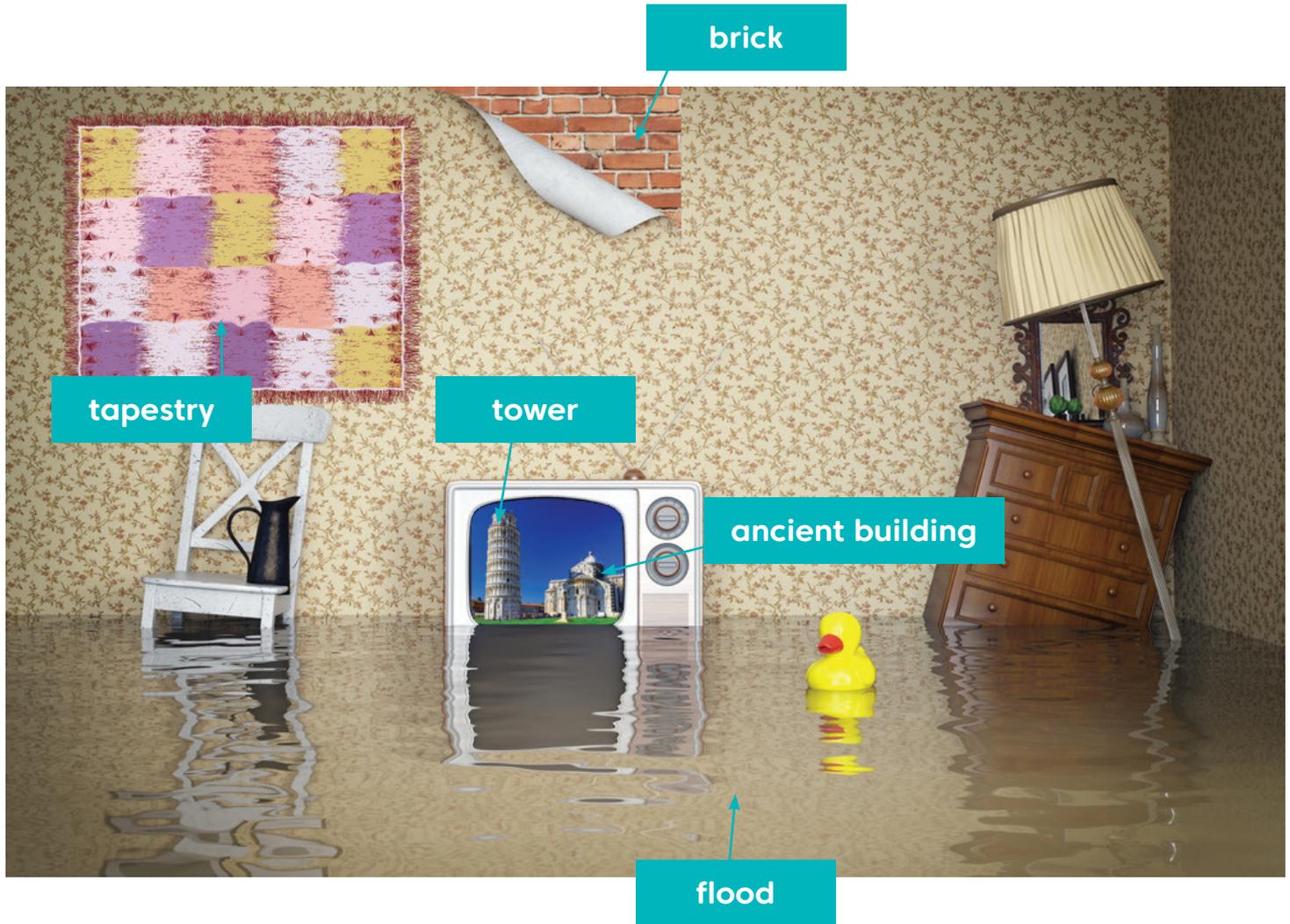
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What can you use to build a building?
2. What can happen when it rains a lot?
3. What can you hang on a wall?
4. What is the opposite of modern?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. confused

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• b. languages

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• c. build

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• d. historian

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• e. scientist

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• f. modern

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• g. mud

8.



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• h. angry

B Write the word for each definition.

version create technique mention leader

1. _____ to make something
2. _____ to speak or write a few words about something
3. _____ a person in control of a group, organization, or country
4. _____ a story that is different from another person's story
5. _____ a way to do something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Cars and busses allow us to get to places faster than by walking.
a. share b. enable c. understand d. begin
2. Making bricks out of mud is easy.
a. hard b. tall c. completely d. simple
3. There are many stories like the story of the Tower of Babel.
a. similar to b. different from c. covered with d. deep under
4. Some people believe that God lives high up in the sky.
a. in a tower b. under the ocean c. in heaven d. in an ark

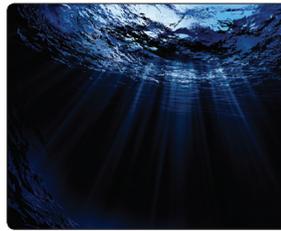
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Noah and his family were safe on his ark.
- b. Many people worked together to build the Tower of Babel.
- c. Evidence of a great flood would be deep under the ocean.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. How many different ways are there to say a simple word like “Hello”?
 - a. Hundreds
 - b. Millions
 - c. Thousands
 - d. A few

2. Although there are different versions of the story, who was unhappy with the Tower of Babel?
 - a. God
 - b. Nimrod
 - c. Noah
 - d. Noah’s children

3. How did God confuse people?
 - a. He spoke to them in German.
 - b. He made them speak different languages.
 - c. He built them a tower.
 - d. He gave them ancient tools.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Modern researchers studying languages
- b. Different languages from around the world
- c. Something that still has not been found
- d. Making bricks with mud
- e. Going to all corners of the world



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ Many languages in the world are related.
2. _____ After the great flood, there were thousands of people left on earth.
3. _____ Babylon might have been located in modern-day Iraq.
4. _____ In most versions of the story, God was happy with the Tower of Babel.
5. _____ Historians have recently found the Tower of Babel.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. There is _____ that people thousands of years ago could build the Tower of Babel. **doubt evidence**
2. Many researchers say languages _____ and changed over time to create new languages. **finished mixed**
3. There are many _____ of the Tower of Babel story. **versions techniques**
4. Latin languages like French and Spanish are _____. **related confused**
5. Evidence of a(n) _____ flood would be hard to find. **modern ancient**

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Noah's children's children traveled east to a place called Shinar.
- b. _____ People decided to build a tall tower.
- c. _____ All people spoke one language.
- d. _____ God made people speak many different languages.
- e. _____ There was a great flood.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
In one version, God was angry because the people were building the Tower of Babel for _____.	Some scientists say that we need more time to find _____ of a great flood.	In the _____, everyone spoke one language.	People wanted the Tower of Babel to be tall enough to reach _____.	In one version, God was angry about the tower because the people built it to make _____ as great as God.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

Before I read this book, I knew _____

Now I also know _____
