

The Great Wall of China

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Summary

This book is about who built the Great Wall of China and why it was built.

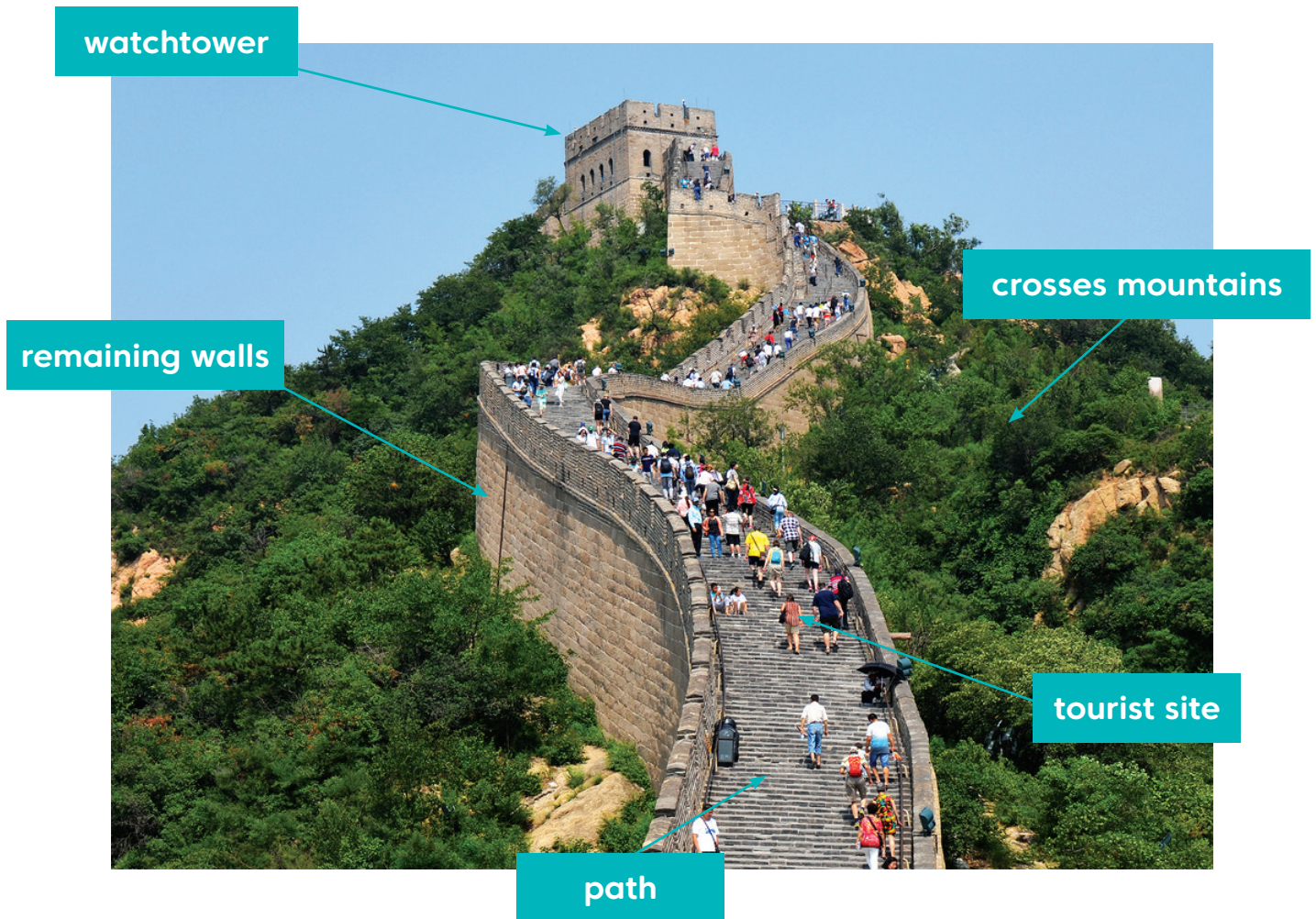
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What do people often walk along? _____
2. What kind of site is the Great Wall of China now? _____
3. What do soldiers use to watch for their enemies? _____
4. What does the Great Wall of China cross? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

1.



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• a. souvenir

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• b. soldier

3.



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• c. collapse

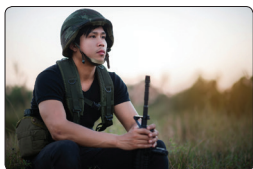
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• d. path

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• e. materials

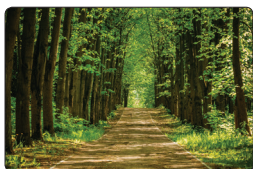
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• f. coast

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• g. repair

8.



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• h. bridge

B Write the word for each definition.

attacker

state

barrier

fort

cross

1. _____ to go from one side to another
2. _____ a strong building or group of buildings where soldiers live
3. _____ a person who hurts or tries to hurt someone
4. _____ something that prevents or blocks movement from one place to another
5. _____ an area of land with its own government

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

1. Over time, some parts of the Great Wall were badly damaged by the weather.
 - a. hidden
 - b. destroyed
 - c. protected
 - d. defended
2. The wall was repaired and made longer many times over the years.
 - a. collapsed
 - b. remained
 - c. extended
 - d. stretched
3. Those who disagreed with the emperor were forced to help build the wall as a penalty for their behavior.
 - a. attacker
 - b. path
 - c. reason
 - d. punishment
4. The building process of the Great Wall first started 2,700 years ago.
 - a. Construction
 - b. Dynasty
 - c. State
 - d. Materials

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. The Great Wall of China is mostly built of bricks, cut stone, and earth.
- b. Watchtowers were built for the Chinese soldiers to watch for people coming from the north.
- c. Tourists from all over the world come to walk on the Great Wall and experience the history.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What do many people think about the Great Wall?
 - a. It is made up of many walls.
 - b. It is one long wall.
 - c. It is not a man-made object.
 - d. It didn't take long to build.
2. When did construction of the Great Wall start?
 - a. 10,000 years ago
 - b. 221 years ago
 - c. 6,259 years ago
 - d. 2,700 years ago
3. Why was the Great Wall built?
 - a. To create a road to move things
 - b. To protect China from attackers
 - c. So that the government could collect taxes
 - d. All of the above

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

- a. Some parts are collapsing
- b. The original was made of earth
- c. A great place to learn about Chinese history
- d. Traditional Chinese souvenirs
- e. Steps along the Great Wall



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

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

1. _____ We can see the Great Wall of China from the International Space Station.
2. _____ Ancient China was not one country, but was made up of many small states.
3. _____ The Great Wall was built mostly by tourists who were visiting China.
4. _____ The Great Wall had to be built through mountains, over rivers, and across deserts.
5. _____ Only about 60% of the original wall can still be seen today.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. The people in the south and middle of China built the wall to _____ themselves against attackers. defend extend
2. The original wall was not well-built and had to be _____ and rebuilt many times. destroyed repaired
3. Building the wall was a difficult job, so some people were forced to help build it as _____. punishment construction
4. The Great Wall stretches across China from an eastern _____ to a western desert. coast state
5. Today, the Great Wall is one of China's busiest _____. souvenirs tourist sites

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

- a. _____ In the 14th to 17th centuries, the Ming people started to build the wall again, making it much stronger.
- b. _____ Today, only about 30% of the original wall can be seen by visitors.
- c. _____ Emperor Qin started the first major building of the Great Wall in about 221 BC.
- d. _____ Much of the wall was originally built with earth, but it soon fell down.
- e. _____ About 2,700 years ago, people in south and middle China decided to build a wall to protect themselves.

Think About It

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

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
People from the southern and middle _____ decided to build a wall.	_____ of the Great Wall began with the southern and middle states, but Emperor Qin started the first major building of the wall.	People started building the wall about 2,700 years ago, but over hundreds of years, other _____ took over construction of it.	The Great Wall stretches from the ocean at Old Dragon's Head at Shanhaiguan on China's eastern _____ to Jiayuguan in the western desert.	People in the south and middle of China were worried about people from the north coming to take their lands, so they built a wall to protect themselves from _____.

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 _____

_____.