

# European Landmarks

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# Questions

Read the information sheet and answer these questions in full sentences.



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# Answers

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**An object that is well known and easily remembered.**

2. What year was the Eiffel Tower completed?

**The Eiffel Tower was completed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1889.**

3. Where can you find a copy of the Eiffel Tower?

**There is a copy of the Eiffel Tower in Las Vegas, USA.**

4. Why is Stonehenge called mysterious?

**Stonehenge is called mysterious because nobody knows why or how the stones appeared.**

5. How many tourists visit Stonehenge each year?

**Around one million tourists visit Stonehenge every year.**

6. What do you think Stonehenge was used for 5,000 years ago?

**Children write in their own words what they believe Stonehenge was used for 5,000 years ago.**

7. What do people say the towers of St Basil's Cathedral look like?

**Some people say the towers of St Basil's look like flames.**

8. Which is the oldest landmark on the information sheet?

**The oldest landmark on the sheet is Stonehenge.**

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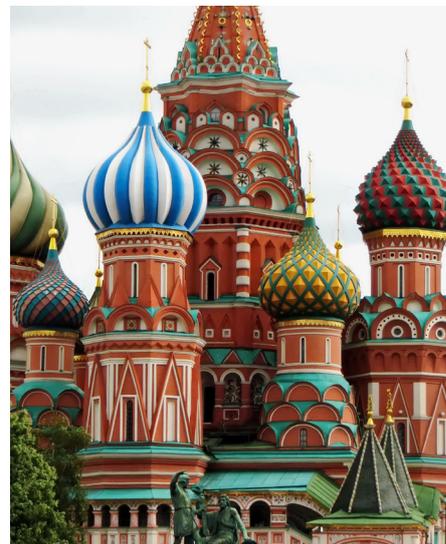


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3. Where can you find a copy of the Eiffel Tower?

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4. Why is it surprising that some of the stones from Stonehenge travelled 200 miles?

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# Answers

1. What is a landmark? Write the answer in your own words.  
**An object that is well known and easily remembered.**
2. In 1935, was the Eiffel Tower the tallest building in the world?  
**No**
3. Where can you find a copy of the Eiffel Tower?  
**There is a copy of the Eiffel Tower in Las Vegas, USA.**
4. Why is it surprising that some of the stones from Stonehenge travelled 200 miles?  
**It is surprising that the stones travelled so far due to the size and weight of them (especially with the lack of equipment 5,000 years ago).**
5. Why do you think people visit Stonehenge?  
**People may visit Stonehenge because they love the mystery of why and how they got there.**
6. What do you think Stonehenge was used for 5,000 years ago?  
**Children write in their own words what they believe Stonehenge was used for 5,000 years ago.**
7. What is a monument? Write the answer in your own words.  
**Children to write answer in their own words (using glossary to help).**
8. What is St Basil's Cathedral meant to look like?  
**St Basil's Cathedral is meant to look like flames.**
9. Which landmark is the most visited, the Eiffel Tower or Stonehenge?  
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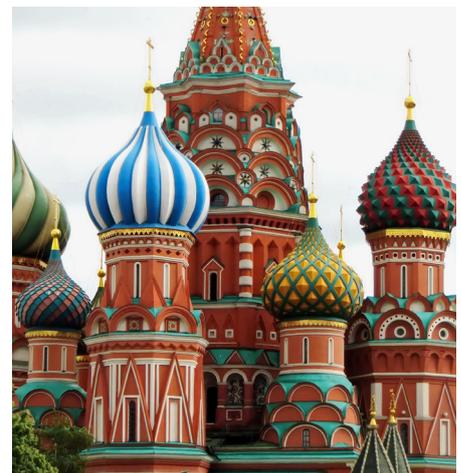


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2. Why are famous landmarks good for countries?

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3. Where would you be able to find a copy of the Eiffel Tower?

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4. Which landmark has the most paid visitors each year?

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9. What is a monument? Give an example of one not mentioned in the information sheet.

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10. Which of the three landmarks would you be interested in visiting and why? Provide three reasons.

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# Answers

1. What is a landmark? Write one example not mentioned in the text.

**A landmark is an object that is well known and easily remembered. Children give one example.**

2. Why are famous landmarks good for countries?

**Famous landmarks are good for countries because they bring lots of tourists and visitors every year.**

3. Where can you find a copy of the Eiffel Tower?

**There is a copy of the Eiffel Tower in Las Vegas, USA.**

4. Which landmark has the most paid visitors each year?

**The Eiffel Tower has the most paid visitors each year.**

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**St Basil's is also a cathedral.**

7. Why do you think tourists believe that St Basil's Cathedral is the President's house?

**Some people think St Basil's Cathedral is the President's house due to the cool design and colours of it.**

8. What do you think Stonehenge was used for 5,000 years ago?

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9. What is a monument? Give an example of one not mentioned in the information sheet.

**A monument is a statue or building to remember an important person or time.**

10. Which of the landmarks would you be interested in visiting and why? Provide three reasons.

**Children give appropriate reasons relating to which landmark they would most like to visit.**