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China opens more of Great Wall

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Beijing has announced it will open two new parts of the Great Wall of China. This is because the four parts that are currently open to tourists are always overcrowded, especially at weekends and on holidays. More and more visitors are going to China to see the Great Wall. Some of them climb the closed sections of the ancient structure, which damages the stone and brickwork. Beijing has also started building a Great Wall database, which will also be open to the public.

The Great Wall of China is frequently top of the list of world attractions people want to visit. Work started on it in 500BC to protect China's northern border. The Xinhua news agency recently reported that the wall is 21,196 km long. A 2009 study said it was 8,850km long. It is still the world's largest manmade structure. Only eight per cent of the wall is still standing, although most of it around Beijing is still in good condition. It became a UNESCO world heritage site in 1987.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. it will open two | a. structure |
| 2. especially at weekends and | b. more visitors |
| 3. More and | c. the public |
| 4. the ancient | d. database |
| 5. building a Great Wall | e. new parts |
| 6. open to | f. on holidays |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. top of the list of | a. border |
| 2. protect China's northern | b. still standing |
| 3. the world's largest manmade | c. world heritage site |
| 4. 8% of the wall is | d. condition |
| 5. still in good | e. world attractions |
| 6. a UNESCO | f. structure |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Beijing has announced it will _____ of the Great Wall of China. This is because the four parts that are _____ tourists are always overcrowded, especially at weekends and on holidays. _____ are going to China to see the Great Wall. Some of them _____ sections of the ancient structure, which damages the _____. Beijing has also started building a Great Wall database, which will also be _____.

The Great Wall of China is frequently _____ of world attractions people want to visit. Work started on it in 500BC to protect China's _____. The Xinhua news agency _____ the wall is 21,196 km long. A 2009 study said it was 8,850km long. It is still the world's largest _____. Only eight per cent of the wall is still standing, _____ it around Beijing is still in good condition. It became a UNESCO _____ in 1987.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Beijing has announced it will open two new (1) _____ of the Great Wall of China. This is because the four parts that are (2) _____ open to tourists are always overcrowded, (3) _____ at weekends and on holidays. More and more visitors are going to China to see the Great Wall. Some of them climb the closed (4) _____ of the ancient structure, which damages the stone and brickwork. Beijing has also started building a Great Wall (5) _____, which will also be open to the (6) _____.

The Great Wall of China is frequently top of the (7) _____ of world attractions people want to visit. Work started on it in 500BC (8) _____ protect China's northern (9) _____. The Xinhua news agency recently reported that the wall is 21,196 km long. A 2009 study said it was 8,850km long. It is still the world's largest (10) _____ structure. Only eight per cent of the wall is still (11) _____, although most of it around Beijing is still in good condition. It became a UNESCO world heritage (12) _____ in 1987.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) acts | (b) chapters | (c) parts |
| 2. | (a) currently | (b) currency | (c) currants |
| 3. | (a) special | (b) especially | (c) racially |
| 4. | (a) sections | (b) electricity | (c) maps |
| 5. | (a) database | (b) basic | (c) based |
| 6. | (a) private | (b) common | (c) public |
| 7. | (a) world | (b) list | (c) sky |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) by |
| 9. | (a) lights | (b) Ireland | (c) border |
| 10. | (a) marmalade | (b) manmade | (c) mannered |
| 11. | (a) stood | (b) stand | (c) standing |
| 12. | (a) sight | (b) site | (c) sites |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. open to struoist
2. more sitrosvi are going to China
3. sections of the iennatc structure
4. desmgaa the stone and brickwork
5. building a Great Wall aetsadba
6. be open to the ilbupc

Paragraph 2

7. yuteerqlfn top of the list
8. China's northern beorrd
9. the world's largest mneaadm structure
10. the wall is still sditanng
11. still in good iniotdnco
12. a UNESCO world grieahet site

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 8,850km long. It is still the world's largest manmade structure. Only eight per cent
- () database, which will also be open to the public.
- () weekends and on holidays. More and more visitors are going to China to see the Great Wall. Some
- (**1**) Beijing has announced it will open two new parts of the Great Wall of China. This is because the four
- () The Great Wall of China is frequently top of the list of world attractions people
- () of the wall is still standing, although most of it around Beijing is still in
- () want to visit. Work started on it in 500BC to protect China's northern
- () border. The Xinhua news agency recently reported that the wall is 21,196 km long. A 2009 study said it was
- () good condition. It became a UNESCO world heritage site in 1987.
- () parts that are currently open to tourists are always overcrowded, especially at
- () the stone and brickwork. Beijing has also started building a Great Wall
- () of them climb the closed sections of the ancient structure, which damages

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about Great Wall of China for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. GREAT WALL OF CHINA: Search the Internet and find more information about Great Wall of China. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Great Wall of China. Include an imaginary interview with someone who helped build it and a tourist who recently visited it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Great Wall of China expert. Ask him/her three questions about the wall. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.