The Taipei 101 Building

Standing at 508 meters tall, the Taipei 101 building is located in Taipei, Taiwan, and is one of the most famous landmarks both in Asia and in the world. In 2004 (when it opened), and for several years after, it was the tallest building in the world more than half a kilometer in height. Sometimes, on rainy days, the top of this extraordinary building cannot be seen as it rises high above the gray clouds. The Taipei 101 building (or simply, the ‘101 building’) mixes modern with traditional landmark. There are eight main sections, each with eight floors (eight is a lucky number in Chinese). In total, there are 101 floors. The 101 building is very special because it is so tall, and also because it must be very strong and very safe – there are many earthquakes and strong wind storms called typhoons in Taiwan. For about US $15, in the lower shopping mall, you can buy a ticket and take the fastest elevator in the world up to the 91st floor. Then, you can look down on one of the world’s most extraordinary and exciting cities from the top of one of its most amazing and tallest buildings.

(about 200 words)
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Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

1. earthquake ________ A. the way something has been made
2. extraordinary ________ B. a very tall building in a city
3. design ________ C. a shaking of the earth’s surface that causes damage
4. height ________ D. in or at a certain place
5. landmark ________ E. how tall a person or thing is
6. located in ________ F. very unusual; very good
7. skyscraper ________ G. a very large, powerful storm in East Asia
8. typhoon ________ H. a building that is easy to see and recognize

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write ‘T’ (True) or ‘F’ (False) next to each statement.

1. F The paragraph is about Taipei, Taiwan.
2. ______ It is the tallest building in the world.
3. ______ There are 64 floors in the main sections of the building.
4. ______ There are more than one hundred floors in the building.
5. ______ Taiwan has a large number of earthquakes and typhoons.
6. ______ People have to pay money to get to the very top of the building.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Why do you think there are 101 floors, and not just 99 or 100 floors?
2. Why do you think people build very tall buildings such as the Taipei 101?
3. Do you like to go to the top of high buildings? Why? / Why not?
4. What other special buildings or places do you know about?
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Grammar-in-Context

Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

Standing at 508 meters tall, the Taipei 101 building is located in Taipei, Taiwan, and is one of the most famous landmarks both in Asia and (1) ________ the world. In 2004 (when it opened), and for several years after, it was (2) ________ building on our planet. It was the first building in the world more than half a kilometer in height. Sometimes, (3) ________ rainy days, the top of (4) ________ skyscraper (5) ________ be seen as it rises high above the gray clouds. The Taipei 101 building (or simply, the ‘101 building’) mixes modern with traditional design. (6) ________ eight main sections, each with eight floors (eight is a lucky number in Chinese). In total, there are 101 floors. The 101 building is very special (7) ________ it is so tall, and also because it must be very strong and very safe – there are (8) ________ earthquakes and strong wind storms called typhoons in Taiwan. For about US $15, in (9) ________ lower shopping mall, you can (10) ________ a ticket and take the fastest elevator in the world up to the 91st floor. Then, you can (11) ________ down on one of the world’s most crowded and exciting cities from the top of one of its most amazing and extraordinary (12) ________.
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Writing Practice – Spelling and Capitals

Try to find the one spelling or capital mistake in each line of the paragraph below.

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Listening and Writing Practice

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

Standing at 508 meters tall, the Taipei 101 building is located in Taipei, Taiwan, and is one of the most famous landmarks both in Asia and _______ _______ world. _______ 2004 (when it opened), and for several years after, it was _______ building _______ our planet. It _______ _______ _______ building in the world more than half a kilometer in _______. Sometimes, on rainy days, the top of _______ _______ _______ be seen as it rises high above the _______ _______. The Taipei 101 _______ (or simply, the ‘101 _______’) mixes _______ with _______ _______. _______ _______ eight main sections, each with eight _______ (eight is a _______ _______ in Chinese). In total, _______ _______ 101 floors. The 101 building is _______ _______ _______ it is so _______, and also _______ it must be very _______ and _______ safe – _______ _______ many _______ and strong wind storms _______ typhoons _______ Taiwan. _______ _______ US $15, in the lower _______ _______, you _______ _______ a _______ and _______ _______ _______ _______ elevator _______ _______ _______ up to _______ 91\textsuperscript{st} _______. Then, you _______ _______ _______ down on _______ _______ _______ world’s _______ _______ and _______ _______ _______ from _______ top of _______ of its _______ _______ _______ and _______ _______.

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Writing Practice 1

Don’t look at the paragraph. **In your own words**, write what you can remember about the Taipei 101 building. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.
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The Eiffel Tower

Writing Practice 2

- **Write a short descriptive paragraph** (50 to 100 words) about the Eiffel Tower. Use the notes provided – and your own ideas – to describe it. Remember to use some adjectives in your paragraph, and “There is …” and “There are …”

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- **Draw** a picture of a building in your city or country! Or use your imagination to design your own building.

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS** (Write Notes)

- Where is it located?
- How many floors are there?
- How tall is it?
- How old is it?
- Why is it special?
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Title: __________________

Writing Practice 3

- **Write a short descriptive paragraph** about a building in your city or country. Use the words and phrases in the box to help you – as well as your own words and ideas.

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LESSON  

Places Around Town: Taipei 101

**Language Focus**  Present Simple Tense / ‘There is’ and There are’  
**Level**  Advanced  
**Time**  Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

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**Taipei 101 ANSWER KEY**

- **Complete the Paragraph**
  1. located  
  2. landmark(s)  
  3. tallest  
  4. height  
  5. skyscraper  
  6. modern  
  7. design  
  8. safe  
  9. earthquakes  
  10. elevator  
  11. crowded  
  12. extraordinary

- **Spelling and Capitals**
  1. Taipei  
  2. famous  
  3. Asia  
  4. tallest  
  5. It  
  6. height  
  7. skyscraper  
  8. The  
  9. eight  
  10. with  
  11. Chinese  
  12. because  
  13. very  
  14. For  
  15. shopping  
  16. world  
  17. Then  
  18. exciting  
  19. buildings

- **Vocabulary Practice**
  1. C  
  2. F  
  3. A  
  4. E  
  5. H  
  6. D  
  7. B  
  8. G

- **Homework Idea**
  Write a descriptive paragraph about a building in your city or country (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

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**How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (It’s the Taipei 101 building.)  
2. F (It was the tallest building.)  
3. T  
4. T  
5. T  
6. F (“... up to the 91st floor”)

- **Grammar-in-Context**
  1. B  
  2. C  
  3. D  
  4. A  
  5. B  
  6. B  
  7. D  
  8. A  
  9. B  
  10. C  
  11. C  
  12. D

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**EXPLORE on-line sources:**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taipei_101

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZuIXRMrh6I

http://www.eiffeltowerrestaurant.com/