

Topic: Buildings/Structures

Let's get started...

Think about the different buildings you went into today. Were all of the buildings the same size? Were all of the buildings the same height?

Background:

Buildings are an important part of our everyday life. We work in buildings, sleep in buildings, watch movies in buildings, exercise in buildings, travel to buildings, and eat in buildings. There are some amazing buildings and structures around the world. Many countries have world-famous buildings and structures that are popular tourist destinations.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

Think about the different buildings you have lived in.

How many different buildings have you lived in?

Were they all the same kind of building? (Example: apartment, dormitory, house)

Which was your favorite place to live?

Do you like living with other people or alone? Why?



Share your partner's answers with the group.

Discussion Questions:

Are there any famous buildings or structures in your native country?

Which buildings or structures would you recommend to visit in your native country? Why?

What are some world-famous structures or buildings? (For example, The Eiffel Tower in France, the Pyramids in Egypt, Big Ben in London, the Taj Majal in India)

Are there any famous buildings or architecture you would like to visit? Why?

What are your famous buildings in Washington? Why? How many times have you visited these buildings?

Are you afraid of heights? How do you feel about going up a tall building?

Do you prefer stairs or the elevator?

Are you claustrophobic? How do you feel about traveling in an elevator?

Would you rather visit a city with big skyscrapers or small buildings? Why?

Where would you like to live: an apartment, a townhouse, a house, or a mansion? Why?

In your native country, which family members usually live in the same building?

Which would you rather live in: a castle or a cottage? Why?

Would you like to live on a houseboat? Why or why not?

Would you like to live on a boat? Why or why not?

What are different religious buildings called?

What are some different steps in building a new building?

Do you like to maintain buildings? (For example, clean, paint, repair, renovate)

Which do you prefer: being outside or being inside? Why?

Do university students live in dormitories in your native country?

Have you visited any museums, galleries, or theaters in Washington? What did you think?

Is construction a popular job in your native country?

How do you feel about construction in Washington?

New words and Idioms:

World-famous, tourist destination, structure, heights, elevator, claustrophobia, skyscraper, castle, cottage, houseboat, maintain, construction