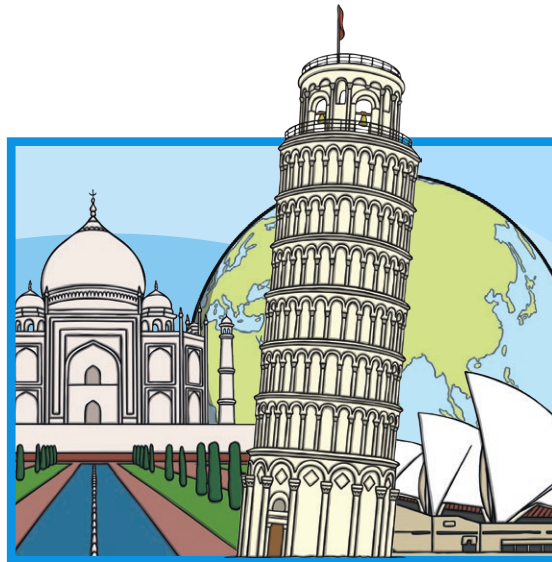


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There are many amazing buildings that make a city easy to recognise. These are called **landmarks**.



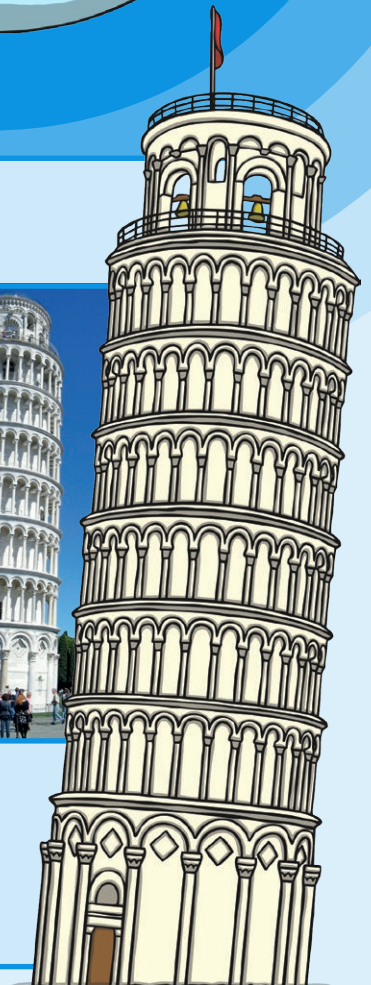
Leaning Tower of Pisa

This tower was built over 800 years ago in Pisa in Italy. The ground the tower was built on was very soft so when the third level was built, the tower began to sink on one side. This is how the tower got its famous lean!

As the tower grew taller, it started to lean even more. Finally, a heavy weight was put around the bottom to keep it in place.

Did you know?

There are 2 more steps to get to the top on one side of the tower than the other.



Sydney Opera House

The Sydney Opera House is in Sydney, Australia. It is a place to watch shows such as singing, music, dance and acting. It has a special roof which looks like the sails on a boat.

People hoped the Sydney Opera House would take 4 years to build, but it actually took 14 years to finish it!



Did you know?

8 large aeroplanes could fit on the land where the opera house is.



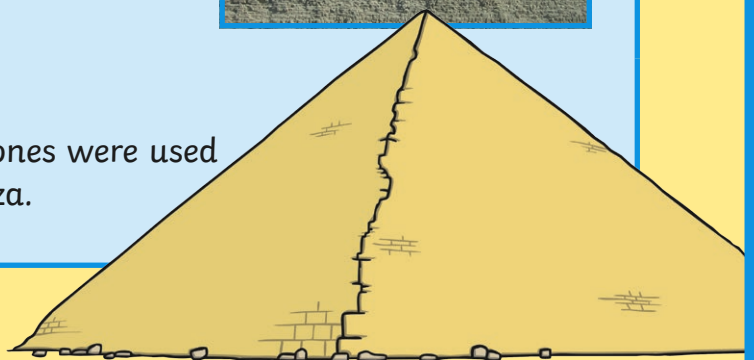
The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Great Pyramid of Giza is found in Egypt. It was built over four thousand (4000) years ago for a king, or *pharaoh*, called Khufu. It was the biggest pyramids ever built. Each side of the pyramid faces the points on a compass: north, south, east or west.



Did you know?

Over two million (2,000,000) stones were used to build the Great Pyramid of Giza.



The Taj Mahal Palace

The Taj Mahal is in the city of Agra in India. It was built around 400 years ago as a special place for the wife of a king or *emperor*, to be buried. It took 20 years to build and is made of a beautiful white stone called marble.



Did you know?

The Taj Mahal has 5 domes and the biggest one is sometimes called the *onion dome*.

