

# The Great Wall

## China



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**WHAT?** the Great Wall

**WHERE?** China

**WHEN?** 200 B.C.E.

**WHO?** workers, tourists

**WHY?** to protect

**HOW LONG?** 1,500 miles

## A. Where's Igor?

**Wu Jing:** Hello. This is Wu Jing.

**You:** Sorry, wrong number.

**Wu Jing:** Wait! This is Igor's phone.

**You:** Oh! Where's Igor?

**Wu Jing:** He's on the Wall.

**You:** What! Wait just a minute. Igor's no gecko.

**Wu Jing:** No, no! He's walking on the Great Wall.

**You:** Well, when he gets off the Wall, have him call me.

**Wu Jing:** OK. What's your number?

**You:** It's ...

## B. Do you know these words?

a wall \_\_\_\_\_

to wind \_\_\_\_\_

a province \_\_\_\_\_

the west \_\_\_\_\_

the sea \_\_\_\_\_

the moon \_\_\_\_\_

a worker \_\_\_\_\_

to finish \_\_\_\_\_

a way \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Read.

The Great Wall is in China. It is 1,500 miles long. It winds from Gansu province in the west to the Yellow Sea. It is 25 feet high. It is so big that some say you can see it from space! It took many centuries to build this Wall. Through the years, thousands of Chinese workers built it. It was finished in 200 B.C.E. They built it to keep their enemies out. But the Wall did not protect them. Enemies found ways to climb over the Wall. Today, tourists come to see and walk along the Great Wall. (100)

## D. Answer: *Yes, exactly! or Sorry, you're wrong.*

1. The Great Wall is in China, isn't it? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Great Wall is not very big, is it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Great Wall is 100 feet high, isn't it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. You can see it from the Eiffel Tower, can't you? \_\_\_\_\_
5. It was built to keep out enemies, wasn't it? \_\_\_\_\_
6. It is important for tourism, isn't it? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The enemies climbed over the Wall, didn't they? \_\_\_\_\_
8. It took only one century to build, didn't it? \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Write the answers.

1. Where is the Great Wall? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long is it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who built it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did they build it? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How long did it take to build it? \_\_\_\_\_

## F. Grammar check. Change to questions.

Example: *The Wall is in China. (it) > Is it in China?*

1. I am going to visit China soon. (you) \_\_\_\_\_
2. He is going to like China. (he) \_\_\_\_\_
3. We are going to see the Great Wall. (you) \_\_\_\_\_
4. They are going to go with friends. (they) \_\_\_\_\_
5. She is going to travel by train. (she) \_\_\_\_\_
6. John and Mary are going to walk along the Wall. (they) \_\_\_\_\_

## G. Word check. Fill in the blanks.

Use: *winds, Province, west, Sea, space, workers, finish, worked, way, Wall*

1. The Great \_\_\_\_\_ is very big.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ through northern China.
3. It goes from the Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ to Gansu \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You can see it from \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It took centuries to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
6. Thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
7. Taking a tour is the best \_\_\_\_\_ to see China.
8. East is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_.

## H. Listen and write.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Writing check.

Write a postcard to a friend about the Great Wall.

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## J. Pronunciation check.

Imagine a wall  
all the way from space,  
That's what you see  
from space!  
a very big wall,  
In China,  
it built a Great Wall  
to keep enemies out,

you can see from space,  
from space!  
from space,  
A very long wall,  
in China.  
a country so big  
to keep enemies out,  
but still they came in.

## **K. Talk about it in small groups.**

Was the Great Wall a good idea?

Why or why not?

What do countries build or do for protection?

## **L. Where's Igor going?**

**Jing: Wei?**

**Igor: Jing, it's me!**

**Jing: Where are you now? Shanghai?**

**Igor: I'm at the airport in Seoul.**

**Jing: Korea? I thought you were going to Shanghai and then  
back here.**

**Igor: I, uh, changed my mind.**

**Jing: I see. How come?**

**Igor: I can explain.**

**Jing: Oh, really?**

**Igor: Yeah. I had a great time with you at the wall and in Beijing,  
but I have to be in Tokyo this afternoon and ... Jing? Are  
you still there? Jing?**

## **M. Check the Internet: < [www.greatwall.org.uk](http://www.greatwall.org.uk)>**