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**Level 4 – 22nd October, 2018**

## **Sagrada Familia gets building permit 136 years late**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181022-sagrada-familia-4.html>

The Sagrada Familia finally has a building permit - 136 years after building began. It agreed to repay \$41 million in fees dating back to 1882. It has 10 years to pay the fees. Barcelona's mayor called the agreement historic. She said the money would finance projects to improve the metro, roads, public services and local neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted that this would, "improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors [and] the image of Barcelona".

La Sagrada Familia was designed by the modernist artist Antoni Gaudi. He also designed many unique and eccentric buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica will be finished in 2026 - 100 years after Gaudi's death. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, the church became a minor basilica. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions. It attracts around 20 million visitors a year.

Sources: <http://time.com/5429231/barcelona-sagrada-familia-building-permit/>  
<https://www.euronews.com/2018/10/19/barcelona-s-sagrada-familia-basilica-to-pay-city-36-million-in-late-permit-fees>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagrada\\_Fam%C3%ADlia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagrada_Fam%C3%ADlia)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181022-sagrada-familia-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 136 years after        | a. and visitors      |
| 2. dating                 | b. building began    |
| 3. It has 10 years to pay | c. quality of life   |
| 4. finance projects to    | d. the fees          |
| 5. local                  | e. of Barcelona      |
| 6. improve the            | f. back to 1882      |
| 7. for citizens           | g. neighbourhoods    |
| 8. the image              | h. improve the metro |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. designed by the modernist        | a. in 2026             |
| 2. many unique and                  | b. Gaudi's death       |
| 3. The basilica will be finished    | c. basilica            |
| 4. 100 years after                  | d. visitors a year     |
| 5. a UNESCO World Heritage          | e. eccentric buildings |
| 6. the church became a minor        | f. artist              |
| 7. It is now one of Barcelona's top | g. site                |
| 8. It attracts around 20 million    | h. tourist attractions |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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La Sagrada Familia (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the modernist artist Antoni Gaudi. He also designed (8) \_\_\_\_\_ eccentric buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2026 - 100 years after Gaudi's death. It was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, the church (11) \_\_\_\_\_ basilica. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions. It attracts around 20 million (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181022-sagrada-familia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about La Sagrada Familia in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

