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Rome's Colosseum to get new hi-tech floor

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Italy has given the green light to refurbish Rome's ancient Colosseum. This iconic site is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of Rome and the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago. The plans include fitting the arena with a new floor that will give visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought for their lives. Gladiators entertained audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and criminals.

Italy's Culture Minister said the high-tech project would open to the public by 2023. It is projected to cost around \$22.2 million. The Colosseum currently has no floor. Archaeologists removed the original one in the 19th Century to expose a network of underground tunnels. The minister said the new floor would be "extraordinary" and would allow visitors to see "the majesty of the Colosseum". He added: "It's an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the original image of the Colosseum."

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/italy-unveils-new-hi-tech-floor-design-colosseum-area-2021-05-02/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Italy has given the green | a. with a new floor |
| 2. This iconic | b. in the centre of Rome |
| 3. It is an oval amphitheatre | c. with swords |
| 4. the largest ancient amphitheatre | d. two millennia ago |
| 5. It was completed over | e. light |
| 6. fitting the arena | f. once fought |
| 7. stand where Roman gladiators | g. site |
| 8. fighting to the death | h. ever built |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the high- | a. project |
| 2. open to the public | b. the original one |
| 3. It is projected to cost | c. of the Colosseum |
| 4. Archaeologists removed | d. tunnels |
| 5. a network of underground | e. structures |
| 6. It's an ambitious | f. by 2023 |
| 7. conservation of the archaeological | g. tech project |
| 8. the original image | h. around \$22.2 million |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Italy has given the (1) _____ refurbish Rome's ancient Colosseum. This (2) _____ one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of Rome and (3) _____ amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago. The plans include (4) _____ with a new floor that will give visitors the chance to stand where Roman (5) _____ for their lives. Gladiators entertained audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the (6) _____ against other gladiators, wild animals, and criminals.

Italy's Culture Minister said the (7) _____ would open to the public by 2023. It is (8) _____ around \$22.2 million. The Colosseum currently has no floor. Archaeologists removed the (9) _____ the 19th Century to expose a network of underground tunnels. The minister said the new floor would be "extraordinary" and (10) _____ to see "the majesty of the Colosseum". He added: "It's (11) _____ that will aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the (12) _____ the Colosseum."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROME'S COLOSSEUM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210506-colosseum-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Rome's Colosseum 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 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Rome's Colosseum** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
