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British Museum has most successful year

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THE READING

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The British Museum had its best year ever in 2013. It had more than 6.7 million visitors. The previous record was 5.9 million, in 2008. Over a million more people visited last year than in 2012. The biggest attractions were the exhibitions Life and Death in Pompeii, and Herculaneum. The museum's director was very happy that so many people came. He told reporters that many things happened last year. Many countries loaned the museum exhibits. The Internet also meant more people decided to visit. The director said the museum had a "dynamic collection" that belonged to the world.

The British Museum has about 13 million exhibits about human history and culture. They are from all over the world. Some countries want some things back. Greece wants the Elgin Marbles back and Egypt wants the Rosetta Stone. China wants the museum to return things the British took in the 19th century. The museum first opened in 1759. Only about 75 people a day visited it. There were 71,000 objects, including 40,000 printed books and many stuffed animals, birds and insects. There were also very old objects from Egypt, Europe, Asia, and North and South America.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/news/british-museum-enjoys-its-most-successful-year-ever-9059851.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2014/jan/14/british-museum-record-visitor-numbers>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Museum

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. its best year | a. attractions |
| 2. 6.7 million | b. to visit |
| 3. The previous record | c. belonged to the world |
| 4. The biggest | d. visitors |
| 5. happy that so | e. ever |
| 6. many things | f. many people came |
| 7. more people decided | g. happened last year |
| 8. a "dynamic collection" that | h. was 5.9 million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The British Museum has | a. opened in 1759 |
| 2. They are from all | b. objects from Egypt |
| 3. want some | c. took in the 19th century |
| 4. Greece wants the Elgin Marbles | d. over the world |
| 5. return things the British | e. animals |
| 6. The museum first | f. back |
| 7. stuffed | g. about 13 million exhibits |
| 8. very old | h. things back |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The British Museum had its (1) _____ 2013. It had more than 6.7 million visitors. The (2) _____ 5.9 million, in 2008. Over a million more people visited last year than in 2012. The (3) _____ the exhibitions Life and Death in Pompeii, and Herculaneum. The museum's director was very happy that (4) _____. He told reporters that many things happened last year. Many countries loaned the museum exhibits. The Internet (5) _____ people decided to visit. The director said the museum had a "dynamic collection" that (6) _____.

The British Museum has about 13 million exhibits about human history and culture. They (7) _____ the world. Some countries want (8) _____. Greece wants the Elgin Marbles back and Egypt wants the Rosetta Stone. China wants the museum (9) _____ British took in the 19th century. The museum (10) _____ 1759. Only about 75 people a day visited it. There were 71,000 objects, including 40,000 (11) _____ many stuffed animals, birds and insects. There were (12) _____ from Egypt, Europe, Asia, and North and South America.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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