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## Level 3 New prayer house for three religions

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#### Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).



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## THE ARTICLE

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A new project has started in Germany to build the world's first building where Christians, Jews and Muslims can pray. It is called the 'House of One'. The project's leaders hope it will open in 2016. They are asking people to donate money to help build it. The project will cost  $\in$ 43.5 million to finish. The idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in Berlin were digging and found the city's earliest church, called the Petrikirche. An architect called Wilfried Kuehn decided it would be a good idea to build a multi-religion building on the same site. Mr Kuehn said: "We quickly agreed that something visionary and forward-looking should be built on what is the founding site of Berlin."

The project's Jewish leader, Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, said Berlin was the best place for the building because of what happened to millions of Jews during World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds and miracles. It is the city in which the extermination of the Jews was planned. Now, the first house in the world for three religions is to be built here." The Christian leader, Gregor Hohberg, agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of the peaceful fall of the Berlin Wall and the peaceful coexistence of believers from different faiths." Muslim leader, Imam Kadir Sanci, hoped the building would let people from different religions understand each other better. He said: "We want our children to have a future in which diversity is the norm."

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#### WARM-UPS

**1. RELIGION:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about religion. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

project / pray / hope / donate / archaeologists / digging / a good idea / building / site / leader / millions / wounds / miracles / peaceful / Berlin Wall / understand each other

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. RELIGIONS:** What do you know about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What do you know?
Hinduism	
Islam	
Christianity	
Buddhism	
Judaism	
Sikhism	

**4. PEACE:** Students A **strongly** believe religion will bring peace to the world; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. BUILDINGS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- place of prayer
- school
- police station
- government building

- Internet cafe
- airport
- shopping mall
- museum

**6. CHURCH:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "church". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

## **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

#### **1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

a.	Three houses will be built in Berlin, one each for three major religions.	T / F
b.	The project will not be finished in the next five years.	T / F
c.	The building will be on the same site of Berlin's earliest church.	T / F
d.	An architect said Berlin needed a forward-looking building.	T / F
e.	A Jewish leader said Berlin wasn't such a good place for the building.	T / F
f.	The Jewish leader talked about the building and World War II.	T / F
g.	A Christian leader said Berlin was a city of peace.	T / F
h.	A Muslim leader said in the future diversity would be uncommon.	T / F

#### **2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

1.	project	a.	construct
2	build	b.	religions
3.	donate	с.	place
4.	found	d.	occurred
5.	site	e.	venture
6.	happened	f.	difference
7.	extermination	g.	discovered
8.	fall	h.	give
9.	faiths	i.	collapse
10.	diversity	j.	killing

#### **3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. where Christians, Jews
- 2 donate
- 3. archaeologists in Berlin
- 4. a multi-
- 5. something visionary and forward-
- 6. what happened to millions of Jews
- 7. fall of the
- 8. peaceful coexistence of believers
- 9. understand each
- 10. a future in which diversity is

- a. were digging
- b. from different faiths
- c. looking should be built
- d. other better
- e. the norm
- f. money
- g. during World War II
- h. religion building
- i. Berlin Wall
- j. and Muslims can pray

## GAP FILL

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

A new (1) has started in Germany to build the earliest world's first building where Christians, Jews and Muslims can pray. donate It is called the 'House of One'. The project's (2) site hope it will open in 2016. They are asking people to digging (3) \_\_\_\_\_ money to help build it. The project will cost project €43.5 million to finish. The idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in Berlin were (4) and found the multi city's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ church, called the Petrikirche. An leaders architect called Wilfried Kuehn decided it would be a good idea to visionary build a (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ -religion building on the same site. Mr Kuehn said: "We quickly agreed that something (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and forward-looking should be built on what is the founding (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of Berlin."

The project's Jewish leader, Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, said Berlin was the best place for the building because of what (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to millions of Jews during World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds and (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_. It is the city in which the extermination of the Jews was (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_. Now, the first house in the world for three religions is to be (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ here." The Christian leader, Gregor Hohberg, agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of the (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_ fall of the Berlin Wall and the peaceful coexistence of believers from different (14) \_\_\_\_\_." Muslim leader, Imam Kadir Sanci, hoped the building would let people from different religions (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_ each other better. He said: "We want our children to have a future in which diversity is the (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_."

peaceful planned understand happened norm built miracles

faiths

#### **LISTENING** – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the world's first building where Christians, Jews and Muslims \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can play
  - b. can pray
  - c. can prey
  - d. can pry
- 2) They are asking people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. donates money
  - b. donated money
  - c. donate money
  - d. donation money
- 3) The idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Berlin were digging in
  - b. Berlin were digging
  - c. Berlin were dig in
  - d. Berlin were dig gin
- 4) We quickly agreed that something visionary and forward-looking \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. should be build
  - b. should we build
  - c. should be built
  - d. should we built
- 5) on what is the founding \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. site of Berlin
  - b. sight of Berlin
  - c. cite of Berlin
  - d. kite of Berlin
- 6) He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and miraculous
  - b. and mirror calls
  - c. and mere a calls
  - d. and miracles
- 7) Gregor Hohberg agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of the peaceful \_\_\_\_\_\_ Berlin Wall..."
  - a. falls of the
  - b. fall of the
  - c. falling of the
  - d. fault of the
- 8) the peaceful coexistence of believers from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. difference faiths
  - b. different faiths
  - c. difficult faiths
  - d. the front faiths
- 9) let people from different religions understand \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. each others better
  - b. each brother better
  - c. each another better
  - d. each other better
- 10) We want our children to have a future in which diversity \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is the normal
  - b. is the norm
  - c. is the name
  - d. is the north

#### LISTENING - Listen and fill in the gaps

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The project's Jewish leader, Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, said Berlin was the best place for the building because (7) to millions of Jews War II. He said: "Berlin is during World the city of (8) . It is the city in which the extermination of the Jews was planned. Now, the first house in the world (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to be built here." The Christian leader, Gregor Hohberg, agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of (10) of the Berlin Wall and the peaceful coexistence of believers (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_." Muslim leader, Imam Kadir Sanci, hoped the building would let people from different religions understand each other better. He said: "We want our children to have a future in which (12) ."

## **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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- 1. What will Muslims, Jews and Christians be able to do in the house?
- 2. When could the house be open?
- 3. How much will the house cost?
- 4. What did archaeologists find?
- 5. What is Wilfried Kuehn's job?
- 6. What conflict did a Jewish leader mention?
- 7. In what city was the extermination of the Jews planned?
- **8.** Who is Gregor Hohberg?
- 9. What did the Muslim leader hope people from different religions do?
- 10. What did the Muslim leader hope diversity would be in the future?

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

What will Muslims, Jews and Christians 6. What conflict did a Jewish leader 1. be able to do in the house? mention? a) play a) Vietnam b) pray b) The 100-years war c) WWII c) pry d) prey d) WWI 2. When could the house be open? In what city was the extermination of 7. the Jews planned? a) 2019 a) Frankfurt b) 2018 b) Dusseldorf c) 2017 c) Munich d) 2016 d) Berlin How much will the house cost? 8. Who is Gregor Hohberg? 3. a) €43.5 million a) a Christian leader b) €45.3 million b) a Berlin taxi driver c) €53.4 million c) Berlin's mayor d) €34.5 million d) head of the World Church Council 4. What did archaeologists find? 9. What did the Muslim leader hope people from different religions do? a) an underground city a) understand each other b) gold coins b) convert c) an old church c) pray d) a mummy d) invite each other to tea 5. What is Wilfried Kuehn's job? 10. What did the Muslim leader hope diversity would be in the future? a) Berlin mayor a) difficult b) an architect b) the norm c) an archaeologist c) unusual d) a priest d) non-existent

## **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – A place of prayer

You think a place of prayer is the most important building for a town to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their place isn't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): school, shopping mall or a police station.

#### Role B – School

You think school is the most important building for a town to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their place isn't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a place of prayer, a shopping mall or a police station.

#### Role C – Shopping mall

You think a shopping mall is the most important building for a town to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their place isn't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a school, a place of prayer or a police station.

#### **Role D – Police station**

You think a police station is the most important building for a town to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their place isn't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a school, a shopping mall or a place of prayer.

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'religion' and 'pray'.

religion	pray

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

### **RELIGION SURVEY**

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

Write five GOOD questions about religion 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.

## **RELIGION DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'religion'?
- c) Do you think the project will bring the different religions together?
- d) What do you think of the idea of the 'House of One'?
- e) Is it a good idea to visit places from different religions?
- f) Why do people from different religions fight each other?
- g) What can religious leaders do to bring people together?
- h) Is Berlin a good place for the 'House of One'?
- i) What do you think of the name 'House of One'?
- j) Should every town and city in the world have a 'House of One'?

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### **RELIGION DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why does a Jewish leader think Berlin is "a city of wounds and miracles"?
- c) How often do you go somewhere to pray?
- d) Why are there so many religions in the world?
- e) Why hasn't such a house been built before?
- f) Should the house have been built in a famous religious city?
- g) How important is religion to you?
- h) Will people from all religions respect each other one day?
- i) Will children in the future know that "diversity is the norm"?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the project's leaders?

### **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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3.	
4.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1.	 	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

## LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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#### Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	started	(b)	starting	(c)	starts	(d)	starter
2.	(a)	play	(b)	prey	(c)	pray	(d)	pry
3.	(a)	delete	(b)	debate	(c)	donate	(d)	dilate
4.	(a)	dug	(b)	digs	(c)	diggers	(d)	digging
5.	(a)	multi-	(b)	maxi-	(c)	mega-	(d)	mini-
6.	(a)	watching	(b)	looking	(c)	viewing	(d)	gazing
7.	(a)	as	(b)	from	(c)	for	(d)	of
8.	(a)	miraculous	(b)	miracles	(c)	manacles	(d)	menaces
9.	(a)	do	(b)	have	(c)	be	(d)	plan
10.	(a)	feel	(b)	fool	(c)	fail	(d)	fall
11.	(a)	set	(b)	met	(c)	get	(d)	let
12.	(a)	been	(b)	norm	(c)	heart	(d)	popular

## SPELLING

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#### Paragraph 1

- 1. A new <u>rtpjeco</u> has started
- 2. They are asking people to <u>dteona</u> money
- 3. found the city's <u>ileesrta</u> church
- 4. An <u>tcrichate</u> called Wilfried Kuehn
- 5. We quickly <u>dearge</u>
- 6. something <u>viiaosyrn</u> and forward-looking

#### Paragraph 2

- 7. the best place for the <u>ubdlniig</u>
- 8. <u>olsiilnm</u> of Jews
- 9. the city of wounds and <u>imrasecl</u>
- 10. the <u>cpalufee</u> fall of the Berlin Wall
- 11. believers from different <u>fasthi</u>
- 12. <u>yrvedstii</u> is the norm

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

#### Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) Berlin Wall and the peaceful coexistence of believers from different faiths." Muslim
- ( ) leader, Imam Kadir Sanci, hoped the building would let people from different religions understand each
- ( ) agreed that something visionary and forward-looking should be built on what is the founding site of Berlin."
- ( ) city in which the extermination of the Jews was planned. Now, the first house in the world for three
- ( ) open in 2016. They are asking people to donate money to help build it. The project will cost
- (**1**) A new project has started in Germany to build the world's first building where Christians,
- ( ) other better. He said: "We want our children to have a future in which diversity is the norm."
- ( ) of what happened to millions of Jews during World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds and miracles. It is the
- ( ) religions is to be built here." The Christian leader, Gregor Hohberg, agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of the peaceful fall of the
- ( ) Wilfried Kuehn decided it would be a good idea to build a multireligion building on the same site. Mr Kuehn said: "We quickly
- ( ) Jews and Muslims can pray. It is called the 'House of One'. The project's leaders hope it will
- ( ) €43.5 million to finish. The idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in Berlin were
- ( ) digging and found the city's earliest church, called the Petrikirche. An architect called
- ( ) The project's Jewish leader, Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, said Berlin was the best place for the building because

### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

1.	in	started	has	project	t n	ew	А	Germa	ny.		
2.	will	2016	projec	t's it	in	TI	ne	hope	open	leader	s.
3.	millio	n to	finish	The	€4	3.5	cos	t will	pro	ject.	
4.	multi	- n	eligion	buildi	ng	A	good	d idea	to	build	a.
5.	what	found	ing B	Berlin	on	the	of	Built	is	site.	
6.	best	place	Berlir	n for	Wa	is	the	the	buildir	ng.	
7.	War	II Wha	it happ	bened	to n	nillior	ns of	f Jews	. dı	uring Wo	orld
8.	first	the	three	The	in	for	ho	use w	orld	religion	5.
9.	other	differe	ent re	ligions	Let	un	dersta	and pe	eople	each f	rom.
10.	future	e dive	rsity	norm	а	whic	ch ·	the H	ave	in is.	

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140624-house-of-one.html

A new project has started in Germany to build the world's first building where Christians, Jews and Muslims can *play / pray*. It is called the 'House of One'. The project's leaders hope it will open in 2016. They are *asking / questioning* people to donate money to help build it. The project will cost  $\in$ 43.5 million to *end / finish*. The idea started in 2009 *after / following* archaeologists in Berlin were *digging / dug* and found the city's earliest church, *called / calling* the Petrikirche. An architect called Wilfried Kuehn decided it would be a good idea to build a *mega-religion / multi-religion* building on the same site. Mr Kuehn said: "We *speedy / quickly* agreed that something *vision / visionary* and forward-looking should be built on what is the *founding / finding* site of Berlin."

The project's Jewish leader, Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, said Berlin was the best place for the building because *for / of* what happened to millions of Jews *during / while* World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds and *miracles / miraculous*. It is the city in which the extermination of the Jews was *planning / planned*. Now, the first house in the world for three religions is to be built here." The Christian leader, Gregor Hohberg, *agreeing / agreed*, saying: "Berlin is the city of the peaceful *fail / fall* of the Berlin Wall and the *peaceful / peace* coexistence of believers from *different / difference* faiths." Muslim leader, Imam Kadir Sanci, hoped the building would let people from different *religious / religions* understand each other better. He said: "We want our children to have a future in which diversity is the *normal / norm*."

## Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

### **INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)**

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\_ n\_w pr\_j\_ct h\_s st\_rt\_d \_n G\_rm\_ny t\_ b\_\_ld th\_ wrld's frst b ld ng whr Chrst ns, Jws nd M\_sl\_ms c\_n pr\_y. \_t \_s c\_ll\_d th\_ 'H\_\_s\_ \_f \_n '. Th pr\_j\_ct's l\_\_d\_rs h\_p\_\_t w\_ll \_p\_n \_n 2016. Th\_y \_r\_ \_sk\_ng p\_\_pl\_ t\_ d\_n\_t\_ m\_n\_y t\_ h\_lp b\_\_ld \_t. Th\_ pr\_j\_ct w\_ll c\_st €43.5 m\_ll\_\_n t\_ f\_n\_sh. Th\_\_\_d\_\_\_ st\_rt\_d \_n 2009 \_ft\_r \_rch\_\_\_l\_g\_sts \_n B\_rl\_n w\_r\_ d\_gg\_ng \_nd f\_\_nd th\_ c\_ty's \_\_rl\_\_st ch\_rch, c\_ll\_d th Ptrkrch.nrchtctclldWlfrdKhn d\_c\_d\_d\_t w\_\_ld b\_\_ g\_\_d \_d\_\_ t\_ b\_\_ld \_ m\_lt\_r\_l\_g\_\_n b\_\_ld\_ng \_n th\_ s\_m\_ s\_t\_. Mr K\_\_hn s\_\_d: "W\_ q\_\_ckly \_gr\_\_d th\_t s\_m\_th\_ng v\_s\_\_n\_ry \_nd f\_rw\_rd-l\_\_k\_ng sh\_\_ld b\_ b\_\_lt \_n wh\_t \_s th\_ f\_\_nd\_ng s\_t\_\_f B\_rl\_n."

Th pr\_j\_ct's J\_w\_sh l\_\_d\_r, R\_bb\_ T\_v\_\_ B\_n-Ch\_r\_n, s\_\_d B\_rl\_n w\_s th\_ b\_st pl\_c\_ f\_r th\_ b\_ld\_ng bcs fwhthppndtmllnsfJwsdrng W\_rld W\_r \_\_. H\_ s\_\_d: "B\_rl\_n \_s th\_ c\_ty \_f w\_\_nds \_nd m\_r\_cl\_s. \_t \_s th\_ c\_ty \_n wh\_ch th\_ \_xt\_rm\_n\_t\_\_n \_f th\_ J\_ws w\_s pl\_nn\_d. N\_w, th\_ f\_rst hs nth wrldfrthr rlgnsst bblt h\_r\_." Th\_ Chr\_st\_\_n l\_\_d\_r, Gr\_g\_r H\_hb\_rg, \_gr\_\_d, s\_y\_ng: "B\_rl\_n \_s th\_ c\_ty \_f th\_ p\_\_c\_f\_l f\_ll \_f th\_ B\_rl\_n W\_ll \_nd th\_ p\_\_c\_f\_l c\_\_x\_st\_nc\_ \_f b\_l\_\_v\_rs fr\_m d\_ff\_r\_nt f\_\_ths." M\_sl\_m l\_\_d\_r, \_m\_m K\_d\_r S\_nc\_, h\_p\_d th\_ b\_\_ld\_ng w\_\_ld l\_t p\_\_pl\_ fr\_m d\_ff\_r\_nt r\_l\_g\_\_ns \_nd\_rst\_nd \_\_ch \_th\_r b\_tt\_r. H\_ s\_\_d: "W\_\_w\_nt \_\_r ch\_ldr\_n t\_\_h\_v\_ \_\_f\_t\_r\_ \_n wh ch d v rs ty s th n rm."

#### PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a new project has started in germany to build the world's first building where christians jews and muslims can pray it is called the 'house of one' the project's leaders hope it will open in 2016 they are asking people to donate money to help build it the project will cost €435 million to finish the idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in berlin were digging and found the city's earliest church called the petrikirche an architect called wilfried kuehn decided it would be a good idea to build a multi-religion building on the same site mr kuehn said "we quickly agreed that something visionary and forward-looking should be built on what is the founding site of berlin"

the project's jewish leader rabbi tovia ben-chorin said berlin was the best place for the building because of what happened to millions of jews during world war ii he said "berlin is the city of wounds and miracles it is the city in which the extermination of the jews was planned now the first house in the world for three religions is to be built here" the christian leader gregor hohberg agreed saying "berlin is the city of the peaceful fall of the berlin wall and the peaceful coexistence of believers from different faiths" muslim leader imam kadir sanci hoped the building would let people from different religions understand each other better he said "we want our children to have a future in which diversity is the norm"

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

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Write about **religion** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

### ACADEMIC WRITING

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It is better to have one building for all religions. Discuss.

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### HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the 'House of One'. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. RELIGION:** Make a poster about the world's religions. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. 'HOUSE OF ONE':** Write a magazine article about the 'House of One'. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on religion. Ask him/her three questions about the 'House of One'. Give him/her three of your ideas on how people from different religions can understand each other better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### ANSWERS

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

aF bF cT dT eF fT gT hF

#### SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- 1. project
- 2 build
- 3. donate
- 4. found
- 5. site
- 6. happened
- 7. extermination
- 8. fall
- 9. faiths
- 10. diversity

- a. venture
- b. construct
- c. give
- d. discovered
- e. place
- f. occurred
- g. killing
- h. collapse
- i. religions
- j. difference

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)**

- 1. Pray
- 2. 2016
- 3. €43.5 million
- 4. Berlin's earliest church
- 5. An architect
- 6. World War II
- 7. Berlin
- 8. A Christian leader
- 9. Understand each other
- 10. The norm

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

#### **ALL OTHER EXERCISES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)