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Level 5 – 22nd October

Sagrada Familia gets building permit 136 years late

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THE READING

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The world-famous Sagrada Familia finally has a building permit - 136 years after construction on the site began. The church agreed to repay \$41 million in fees dating back to 1882, which is when building began. City authorities gave the church 10 years to pay the fees. Barcelona's mayor hailed the historic agreement. She said the funds would go to projects that would improve the metro, roads, public services and local neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment of this majestic building is to improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors [and] the image of Barcelona."

La Sagrada Familia was designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudi. He was a modernist artist who 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 has never had any inspections from local authorities. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, the church became a minor basilica. This is different from a cathedral as it is not the seat of a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, attracting an estimated 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

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. 136 years after construction on | a. building |
| 2. fees dating | b. historic agreement |
| 3. authorities gave the church 10 years | c. neighbourhoods |
| 4. Barcelona's mayor hailed the | d. for citizens |
| 5. local | e. the site began |
| 6. To improve | f. back to 1882 |
| 7. this majestic | g. the environment |
| 8. improve the quality of life | h. to pay the fees |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. designed by the famous | a. tourist attractions |
| 2. designed many unique and | b. of a bishop |
| 3. The basilica will be | c. 20 million visitors |
| 4. inspections from | d. from a cathedral |
| 5. This is different | e. architect |
| 6. it is not the seat | f. local authorities |
| 7. one of Barcelona's top | g. eccentric buildings |
| 8. attracting an estimated | h. finished in 2026 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world-famous Sagrada Familia (1) _____ building permit - 136 years after construction on (2) _____. The church agreed to repay \$41 million in (3) _____ to 1882, which is when building began. City authorities gave the church 10 years to pay the fees. Barcelona's (4) _____ historic agreement. She said the funds would go to projects that would improve the metro, roads, public services and local neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment of (5) _____ is to improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors [and] (6) _____ Barcelona."

La Sagrada Familia was designed (7) _____ architect Antoni Gaudi. He was a modernist artist who also designed many (8) _____ buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica will be finished in 2026 - 100 years after Gaudi's death. It has never (9) _____ from local authorities. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, the church (10) _____ basilica. This is different from a cathedral as it is not (11) _____ a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, (12) _____ 20 million visitors a year.

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 _____	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) _____

