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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

Barcelona's world-famous La Sagrada Familia basilica has finally been given a building permit 136 years after construction on the site began. The church has agreed to repay \$41 million in fees that date back to 1882, which is when ground was first broken on the building. City authorities have given the church a 10-year timeframe to pay the fees. Barcelona's mayor has hailed the deal as a historic agreement. She said the funds would be allotted to municipal projects that will improve the metro system, 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 as well as the image of Barcelona."

La Sagrada Familia was designed by renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, a modernist artist who also designed many eye-catching, unique and eccentric buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica is slated for completion in 2026, exactly 100 years after Gaudi's death. Construction has continued on La Sagrada Familia for over a century without any inspections from local authorities. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica, which is distinct from a cathedral in it not being the seat of a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, attracting an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagrada\\_Fam%C3%ADlia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagrada_Fam%C3%ADlia)

# WARM-UPS

**1. LA SAGRADA FAMILIA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about La Sagrada Familia. 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?

Barcelona / world famous / permit / construction / fee / historic / metro / visitors / designed / architect / unique / eccentric / century / church / tourist attraction / top

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

**3. PUBLIC SERVICES:** Students A **strongly** believe money from tourist attractions should be spent on public services; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. IMPROVEMENTS:** What improvements are needed in your town? Complete this table with your partner(s) and share what you wrote. Change partners often.

	Improvements	How this would help you
Transport		
Housing		
Environment		
Leisure		
Safety		
Tourism		

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

**6. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- La Sagrada Familia
- Pyramids
- Machu Picchu
- Grand Canyon
- Mount Fuji
- Sydney Opera House
- Serengeti
- Antarctica

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. construction | a. Relating to a city or town or its governing body.   |
| 2. fees         | b. Money paid as part of a special transaction.  |
| 3. authorities  | c. Acclaimed enthusiastically as being a specified thing.  |
| 4. hailed       | d. The building of something, usually a large structure.   |
| 5. allotted     | e. Having or showing impressive beauty or dignity.   |
| 6. municipal    | f. People or organizations with power or control in a particular political or administrative area. |
| 7. majestic     | g. Gave something to someone as a share or task.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. renowned     | h. Scheduled or planned.   |
| 9. eye-catching | i. Unconventional and slightly strange.                                  |
| 10. eccentric   | j. Announces officially or publicly.                                     |
| 11. slated      | k. Known or talked about by many people; famous.                         |
| 12. inspections | l. Immediately appealing or noticeable.                                  |
| 13. proclaimed  | m. Noticeably different in nature from something else of a similar type. |
| 14. distinct    | n. Careful examinations of something.                                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article says Sagrada Familia builders applied for a permit in 1882. **T / F**
- b. La Sagrada Familia will repay over \$40 million in backdated fees. **T / F**
- c. Barcelona city has given La Sagrada Familia ten years to pay the fees. **T / F**
- d. The fees paid by La Sagrada Familia will help improve the city's Metro. **T / F**
- e. La Sagrada Familia was designed by the famous painter Salvador Dali. **T / F**
- f. La Sagrada Familia will be finally completed within the next decade. **T / F**
- g. In 2010, La Sagrada Familia was consecrated as a cathedral. **T / F**
- h. La Sagrada Familia receives between 10-12 million visitors a year. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>finally</b>      | a. praised      |
| 2. <b>construction</b> | b. magnificent  |
| 3. <b>hailed</b>       | c. precisely    |
| 4. <b>allotted</b>     | d. building     |
| 5. <b>majestic</b>     | e. quirky       |
| 6. <b>renowned</b>     | f. declared     |
| 7. <b>eccentric</b>    | g. at long last |
| 8. <b>exactly</b>      | h. approximate  |
| 9. <b>proclaimed</b>   | i. handed out   |
| 10. <b>estimated</b>   | j. famous       |

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

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. 136 years after construction             | a. authorities                |
| 2. repay \$41 million in fees that date     | b. and eccentric buildings    |
| 3. a 10-year                                | c. building                   |
| 4. the funds would be allotted to municipal | d. top tourist attractions    |
| 5. improve the environment of this majestic | e. timeframe                  |
| 6. designed many eye-catching, unique       | f. back to 1882               |
| 7. The basilica is slated for               | g. 20 million visitors a year |
| 8. inspections from local                   | h. projects                   |
| 9. It is now one of Barcelona's             | i. on the site began          |
| 10. attracting an estimated                 | j. completion in 2026         |

# GAP FILL

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

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*hailed*  
*finally*  
*image*  
*allotted*  
*ground*  
*majestic*  
*agreed*  
*resident*

La Sagrada Familia was designed by (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ artist who also designed many eye-catching, unique and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica is slated for completion in 2026, exactly 100 years after Gaudi's death. Construction has continued on La Sagrada Familia for over a century without any (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from local authorities. It was (13) \_\_\_\_\_ as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica, which is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ from a cathedral in it not being the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

*eccentric*  
*recognized*  
*seat*  
*renowned*  
*attracting*  
*modernist*  
*inspections*  
*distinct*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The church has agreed to repay \$41 million in fees that \_\_\_\_\_ 1882
  - a. late back to
  - b. rate back to
  - c. date back to
  - d. bait back to
- 2) Barcelona's mayor has \_\_\_\_\_ as a historic agreement
  - a. jailed the deal
  - b. failed the deal
  - c. bailed the deal
  - d. hailed the deal
- 3) She said the funds would be allotted to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. munificent projects
  - b. principal projects
  - c. municipal projects
  - d. munitions projects
- 4) A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment of this \_\_\_\_\_..."
  - a. major stick building
  - b. may static building
  - c. majesty building
  - d. majestic building
- 5) improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors as well as \_\_\_\_\_ Barcelona
  - a. their imaged of
  - b. the image of
  - c. then image of
  - d. the imaged of
- 6) Gaudi, a modernist artist who also designed many eye-catching, \_\_\_\_\_ buildings
  - a. uniquely and eccentric
  - b. unique and eccentric
  - c. unique and eccentricity
  - d. uniquely and eccentricity
- 7) The basilica is \_\_\_\_\_ completion in 2026
  - a. slated for
  - b. sated for
  - c. skated for
  - d. stated for
- 8) Construction has continued on La Sagrada Familia for over a century \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. without manly inspections
  - b. without many inspections
  - c. without any inspections
  - d. without anyone inspections
- 9) a minor basilica, which is distinct from a cathedral in it not being \_\_\_\_\_ a bishop
  - a. the seat of
  - b. the sofa of
  - c. the stool of
  - d. the bench of
- 10) one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, attracting \_\_\_\_\_ 20 million visitors a year
  - a. an estimate it
  - b. and estimated
  - c. an estimated
  - d. and estimate it

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How much has La Sagrada Familia promised to pay Barcelona city?
2. In what year did building on La Sagrada Familia begin?
3. How long does La Sagrada Familia have to repay the backdated fees?
4. What did Barcelona's mayor hail the agreement as?
5. What did a tweeter say a better environment would improve the image of?
6. Who designed La Sagrada Familia?
7. When is La Sagrada Familia slated for completion?
8. What was La Sagrada Familia recognized as in 1985?
9. What did La Sagrada Familia become in 2010?
10. Approximately how many visitors does Sagrada Familia get each year?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How much has La Sagrada Familia promised to pay Barcelona city?
  - a) \$43 million
  - b) \$41 million
  - c) \$39 million
  - d) \$40 million
- 2) In what year did building on La Sagrada Familia begin?
  - a) 1890
  - b) 1880
  - c) 1828
  - d) 1882
- 3) How long does La Sagrada Familia have to repay the backdated fees?
  - a) ten years
  - b) twenty years
  - c) a year
  - d) twelve years
- 4) What did Barcelona's mayor hail the agreement as?
  - a) necessary
  - b) important
  - c) a historic agreement
  - d) a taxi
- 5) What did a tweeter say a better environment would improve the image of?
  - a) churches
  - b) Barcelona
  - c) Spain
  - d) the world
- 6) Who designed La Sagrada Familia?
  - a) Pablo Picasso
  - b) Salvador Dali
  - c) Antoni Gaudi
  - d) Francisco Goya
- 7) When is La Sagrada Familia slated for completion?
  - a) 2036
  - b) 2030
  - c) 2022
  - d) 2026
- 8) What was La Sagrada Familia recognized as in 1985?
  - a) a UNESCO World Heritage site
  - b) Spain's national church
  - c) a cathedral
  - d) Roman Catholic
- 9) What did La Sagrada Familia become in 2010?
  - a) a basilica
  - b) a cathedral
  - c) Spain's national church
  - d) Roman Catholic
- 10) Approximately how many visitors does Sagrada Familia get each year?
  - a) just over 20 million
  - b) about 20 million
  - c) slightly fewer than 20 million
  - d) exactly 20 million

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – La Sagrada Familia**

You think La Sagrada Familia is the world's best tourist attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Grand Canyon or the Serengeti.

## **Role B – The Pyramids**

You think the Pyramids are the world's best tourist attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): La Sagrada Familia, the Grand Canyon or the Serengeti.

## **Role C – Grand Canyon**

You think the Grand Canyon is the world's best tourist attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, La Sagrada Familia or the Serengeti.

## **Role D – Serengeti**

You think the Serengeti is the world's best tourist attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Grand Canyon or La Sagrada Familia.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>building</b>	<b>permit</b>
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- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• finally</li><li>• 1882</li><li>• 10</li><li>• hailed</li><li>• metro</li><li>• image</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• architect</li><li>• 2026</li><li>• century</li><li>• 1985</li><li>• 2010</li><li>• 20</li></ul>
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# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA SURVEY

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

# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'church'?
3. What do you know about the Sagrada Familia?
4. Why has the Sagrada Familia taken so long to build?
5. How did builders build for over one hundred years without a permit?
6. What is your favourite building in the world?
7. What do you think of the church for repaying the fees?
8. How important are places of worship?
9. How could your town improve your quality of life?
10. What do you know about Barcelona?

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# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'construction'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Antoni Gaudi?
15. What unique buildings do you know about?
16. What does a UNESCO listing do for a building?
17. What are the top attractions in your town like?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What is your favourite style of architecture?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Sagrada Familia boss?

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

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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

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

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

- |     |                  |                |                 |                 |
|-----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) permit       | (b) permission | (c) persimmon   | (d) premise     |
| 2.  | (a) year         | (b) date       | (c) calendar    | (d) anniversary |
| 3.  | (a) concrete     | (b) cement     | (c) ground      | (d) mud         |
| 4.  | (a) bailed       | (b) failed     | (c) mailed      | (d) hailed      |
| 5.  | (a) funds        | (b) hands      | (c) bands       | (d) finds       |
| 6.  | (a) prophesy     | (b) majestic   | (c) spiral      | (d) insight     |
| 7.  | (a) renovated    | (b) renounced  | (c) renewed     | (d) renowned    |
| 8.  | (a) penned       | (b) slated     | (c) chalked     | (d) inked       |
| 9.  | (a) contraptions | (b) cremations | (c) inspections | (d) implosions  |
| 10. | (a) district     | (b) distinct   | (c) abstract    | (d) construct   |
| 11. | (a) bath         | (b) bed        | (c) kitchen     | (d) seat        |
| 12. | (a) postulated   | (b) estimated  | (c) gauged      | (d) guessed     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. after nttsiunoccro on the site began
2. City itirothueas
3. a 10-year etimaremf
4. She said the funds would be ttlolade
5. iplaumcni projects
6. this jmciseta building

## Paragraph 2

7. weenrod Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi
8. unique and tceenicrc buildings
9. without any secnptionsi
10. opirdalcme it a minor basilica
11. sncditti from a cathedral
12. an detasemti 20 million visitors

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

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

- ( ) bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, attracting an estimated 20 million visitors a year.
- ( ) mayor has hailed the deal as a historic agreement. She said the funds would be allotted to municipal projects that will
- ( ) as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed
- ( ) La Sagrada Familia was designed by renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, a modernist
- ( ) of this majestic building is to improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors as well as the image of Barcelona."
- ( ) on the site began. The church has agreed
- ( ) it a minor basilica, which is distinct from a cathedral in it not being the seat of a
- ( **1** ) Barcelona's world-famous La Sagrada Familia basilica has finally been given a building permit 136 years after construction
- ( ) parks in Barcelona. The basilica is slated for completion in 2026, exactly 100 years after Gaudi's death. Construction has
- ( ) to repay \$41 million in fees that date back to 1882, which is when ground was first
- ( ) broken on the building. City authorities have given the church a 10-year timeframe to pay the fees. Barcelona's
- ( ) improve the metro system, roads, public services and local neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment
- ( ) artist who also designed many eye-catching, unique and eccentric buildings and
- ( ) continued on La Sagrada Familia for over a century without any inspections from local authorities. It was recognized

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. church repay The agreed fees . in million to \$41 has
2. broken building . was ground the first When on
3. as deal hailed the Barcelona's mayor historic .
4. be The projects . to municipal would allotted funds
5. life improve the To citizens . for of quality
6. modernist artist eye-catching who designed buildings . many A
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8. a and it the Consecrated church basilica . proclaimed
9. tourist top Barcelona's is one of It attractions .
10. visitors an Attracting year . 20 a estimated million

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Barcelona's world-famous La Sagrada Familia basilica has *finale / finally* been given a building permit 136 years after construction on the *site / sight* began. The church has agreed to repay \$41 million in fees that *anniversary / date* back to 1882, which is when ground was first *destroyed / broken* on the building. City authorities have given the church a 10-year timeframe to pay the fees. Barcelona's mayor has *bailed / hailed* the deal as a *historic / historian* agreement. She said the funds would be *allotment / allotted* to municipal projects that will improve the metro system, roads, public services and *local / locally* neighbourhoods. A resident tweeted: "To improve the environment of this *majestic / majesty* building is to improve the quality of life for citizens and visitors as *good / well* as the image of Barcelona."

La Sagrada Familia was designed by *renowned / renewed* Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, a modernist artist who also designed many *eye-watering / eye-catching*, unique and *eccentric / eccentricity* buildings and parks in Barcelona. The basilica is *stated / slated* for completion in 2026, *exact / exactly* 100 years after Gaudi's death. Construction has continued on La Sagrada Familia for over a century without any inspections from *locally / local* authorities. It was *recognition / recognized* as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and *proclaimed / reclaimed* it a minor basilica, which is distinct from a cathedral in it not being the *chair / seat* of a bishop. It is now one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions, *attracting / attractive* an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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barcelonas world famous la sagrada familia basilica has finally been given a building permit 136 years after construction on the site began the church has agreed to repay 41 million in fees that date back to 1882 which is when ground was first broken on the building city authorities have given the church a 10year timeframe to pay the fees barcelonas mayor has hailed the deal as a historic agreement she said the funds would be allotted to municipal projects that will improve the metro system 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 as well as the image of barcelona

la sagrada familia was designed by renowned catalan architect antoni gaudi a modernist artist who also designed many eyecatching unique and eccentric buildings and parks in barcelona the basilica is slated for completion in 2026 exactly 100 years after gaudis death construction has continued on la sagrada familia for over a century without any inspections from local authorities it was recognized as a unesco world heritage site in 1985 in 2010 pope benedict xvi consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica which is distinct from a cathedral in it not being the seat of a bishop it is now one of barcelonas top tourist attractions attracting an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Places of worship are the greatest buildings in the world. 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. LA SAGRADA FAMILIA:** Make a poster about La Sagrada Familia. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BEAUTIFUL:** Write a magazine article about La Sagrada Familia being the most beautiful building in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 La Sagrada Familia. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. b    3. f    4. c    5. g    6. a    7. e  
8. k    9. l    10. i    11. h    12. n    13. j    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. finally      | a. at long last |
| 2. construction | b. building     |
| 3. hailed       | c. praised      |
| 4. allotted     | d. handed out   |
| 5. majestic     | e. magnificent  |
| 6. renowned     | f. famous       |
| 7. eccentric    | g. quirky       |
| 8. exactly      | h. precisely    |
| 9. proclaimed   | i. declared     |
| 10. estimated   | j. approximate  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- \$41 million
- 1882
- Ten years
- A historic agreement
- Barcelona
- Antoni Gaudi
- 2026
- A UNESCO World Heritage site
- A basilica
- About 20 million

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The church has agreed to repay \$41 million in fees.
- When ground was first broken on the building.
- Barcelona's mayor hailed the deal as historic.
- The funds would be allotted to municipal projects.
- To improve the quality of life for citizens.
- A modernist artist who designed many eye-catching buildings.
- The basilica is slated for completion in 2026.
- Consecrated the church and proclaimed it a basilica.
- It is one of Barcelona's top tourist attractions.
- Attracting an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)