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Level 2 – 7th July, 2022

Eiffel Tower full of rust and in need of repair

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Eiffel Tower is a world-famous sight. The 324-metre-tall tower gets millions of tourists every year. It has been an important part of the Paris skyline for 133 years. However, it is showing its age. Engineers conducted a survey of the tower and found its metal is full of rust. They said it was "in a poor state". They said if its designer, Gustave Eiffel, was alive today, "he would have a heart attack". There are many cracks in the iron. The tower needs many repairs. A report said there were 698 faults on the tower. These could put the tower's long-term future in doubt.

Building of the Eiffel Tower started in 1887. It opened to the public in 1889. It was built for the 1889 World's Fair in Paris. It contains 10,100 tons of iron, 18,000 sections and 2.5 million rivets. The original plan was for the tower to be taken down after 20 years. The French government changed its mind and kept it. The tower is now being repainted for the 2024 Olympics. Engineers say painting it will not make the rust problem go away. They say all the paint needs to be removed first. However, this would take too long. The tower would lose tourist revenue.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/eiffel-tower-paris-needs-repairs/index.html>
<https://news.sky.com/story/eiffel-tower-reportedly-riddled-with-rust-and-in-need-of-full-repairs-12645960>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The Eiffel Tower is a world- | a. many repairs |
| 2. part of the Paris | b. of rust |
| 3. its metal is full | c. future in doubt |
| 4. They said it was in a poor | d. skyline |
| 5. There are many cracks in | e. famous sight |
| 6. The tower needs | f. on the tower |
| 7. there were 698 faults | g. the iron |
| 8. put the tower's long-term | h. state |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Building of the Eiffel Tower | a. public in 1889 |
| 2. It opened to the | b. long |
| 3. It contains | c. go away |
| 4. The tower is now being | d. revenue |
| 5. make the rust problem | e. started in 1887 |
| 6. all the paint needs to | f. 10,100 tons |
| 7. this would take too | g. be removed first |
| 8. The tower would lose tourist | h. repainted |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Eiffel Tower is a (1) _____. The 324-metre-tall tower gets (2) _____ every year. It has been an important part of the Paris skyline for 133 years. However, it is showing its age. Engineers (3) _____ of the tower and found its metal is (4) _____. They said it was "in a poor state". They said if its designer, Gustave Eiffel, was alive today, "he would have a heart attack". There are (5) _____ the iron. The tower needs many repairs. A report said there were 698 faults on the tower. These could put the tower's (6) _____ in doubt.

Building of the Eiffel Tower started in 1887. It opened to the public in 1889. It (7) _____ the 1889 World's Fair in Paris. It contains 10,100 (8) _____, 18,000 sections and 2.5 million rivets. The original plan was for the tower to (9) _____ after 20 years. The French government changed its (10) _____ it. The tower is now being repainted for the 2024 Olympics. Engineers say painting it will not make the rust (11) _____. They say all the paint needs to be removed first. However, this would take too long. The tower (12) _____ revenue.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE EIFFEL TOWER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Eiffel Tower 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 **the Eiffel Tower** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
