



Unit 13 – Building materials

Task 05

Announcer: Listen to the descriptions of these famous buildings.

Narrator: So ... the first building we are looking for is located in Austria. It was built between 1874 and 1883. The building material mainly used was marble. The building is over 13,500 square metres and has over 100 rooms. Theophil Hansen designed it in a Greek style. There is a big fountain in front of it, representing a Greek goddess. It is one of the largest buildings on the “Ringstraße”, (that is the inner ring road) in Vienna. You should know the building by now. It is the ...

Let's move on to the second picture. The building on it is found in Asia and famous for performing an old tradition. The special characteristics of these buildings are beautiful sliding doors, windows or room dividers consisting of paper over a frame of wood. The small, simple houses themselves are made of wood, too. There are beautiful gardens surrounding the houses. The country in which these buildings still can be found is Japan. Do you know what they are called? ...

The third picture shows a massive example of architecture. It was once believed that it could be seen from space with the naked eye, but this is not true. It was built from the seventh century before Christ until the 17th century A.D. Since it was built over a long period of time, the building materials range from earth, stones and wood to bricks in the later period. In 1987, the building became listed as a World Heritage by UNESCO. It is more than 20,000 kilometres long and is the longest manmade project on earth. It is located in China and its name is ...

The last building we are looking for was built from 2004 to 2010. It has 28,000 square metres of office space and 170,000 square metres dedicated to apartments. The building holds the record for pumping concrete to the highest point ever. The building is so tall that you can see the sunset twice every evening. The observation deck on the 149th floor is at 555 metres. The total height of the tower is 828 metres, which makes it the highest building on earth in 2017. It is located in Dubai. Do you know its name? ... It is the ...