



Buildings

Common questions

Part 1 - What types of buildings are there where you live?

Part 1 - Have you ever visited a famous structure?

Part 2 - Describe a style of architecture that you like.

Part 3 - Do you think it's worth the money to preserve old buildings?

Part 3 - How have buildings changed in the past few years?

Part 3 - Are buildings now better than those in the past?

Vocabulary and expressions

Skyscraper (n) - a very tall modern building, usually in a city.

There are many skyscrapers in my hometown.

Futuristic (adj) - relating to the future, or very modern or advanced.

I like futuristic buildings with lots of glass.

Cathedral (n) - a very large, usually stone, building for Christian worship.

My hometown has a huge Cathedral in the centre.

Monstrosity (n) - something that is very ugly and usually large.

The new apartments near my house are a monstrosity.

Iconic (adj) - very famous or popular.

The Sydney Opera House is an iconic building.

Architecture (n) - the style in which buildings are made.

I am always interested in the architecture of different countries.

Demolish (v) - to completely destroy a building.

My neighbourhood is changing very quickly as many apartments are being demolished.

Renovate (v) - to repair and improve something, especially a building.

Rather than demolish buildings, our local government is preferring to renovate.

Heritage (n) - cultural features created in the past and still have historical importance.

The churches in our city are an important part of our heritage.

Eco-friendly (adj) - designed to do the least possible damage to the environment.

Nowadays, many buildings have eco-friendly features such as solar panels.