



Level:

Pre-Intermediate and above.

Language Aims:

To practice using the passive and active voices to ask questions and make affirmative sentences, to listen for correct information and to practice listening and gap filling.

Preparation:

Make enough copies of the **Student Handouts** on the next page so that each pair can have a copy.

Procedure:

1. Ask students to sit in pairs. One is Student A, the other Student B. Give students copies of the handout above. (Student A gets the handout for Student A and Student B the one for Student B.)
2. Ask students to read their text quickly. They can work alone and make guesses about what information goes in the gaps. You may like to talk about what the headings mean (i.e. Where means where the building is found, date means when it was built and use means what it was used for.) You may want to do a quick sketch of what a 'fortress' and a 'palace' is.
3. After you are happy that students have read the text at least once and understand its purpose, tell them to sit facing their partners. They ask and answer questions to complete the missing information in the gaps. Circulate and check that students are using correct questioning structures. (Make notes of any global errors for reviewing with the class later.)
4. Finish by quickly going over answers with students.

Suggestion: You may like to write up the structures like the following on the board for students to use when asking and answering questions:

When was [name of building] built? / [Name of building] was built in [date].

If you are at all good at sketching, do a quick sketch of any or all of the buildings mentioned before you begin. Ask students to guess what they are.

Please note: This warmer goes well with the Pre-Intermediate lesson, 'Protecting Famous Places'.



Student Handout - Text for Student A

Name of Building / Where / Date / Use

Parthenon / _____ / finished by 438 B.C. / a temple



Colosseum / Rome, Italy / finished by _____ / an amphitheater

_____ / Granada, Spain / built 1248–1354 / a palace and fortress

Tower of London / England / begun in _____ / a fortress, then a prison

Notre-Dame de Paris / Paris, France / begun in 1173 / _____

Kremlin / Moscow, Russia / built in the _____ / a fortress around palaces, churches and government buildings



Student Handout - Text for Student B

Name of Building / Where / Date / Use

Parthenon / Athens, Greece / finished by _____ / a temple

_____ / Rome, Italy / finished by c. A.D. 80 / an amphitheater

Alhambra / _____ / built 1248–1354 / a palace and fortress

_____ / England / begun in 1078 / a fortress, then a prison

Notre-Dame de Paris / Paris, France / begun in 1173 / a church

_____ / Moscow, Russia / built in the thirteenth century / a fortress around _____ and government buildings

