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OUR RICH HERITAGE

Monuments:

\* Monuments are buildings of historical importance.

\* They are built to remind people of a famous person or event.

\* They tell us about the society, religious beliefs and the culture of the time <sup>in</sup> which they were built.

Example: Fort, Palaces, temples, pillars and stupas.

Red Fort:

\* It is also called Lal Quila.

\* It is built of red sandstone.

\* It was built by Shah Jahan [360 Year ago]

\* The beautiful structures inside it are:

- Diwan-i-Aam
- Diwan-i-Khas
- Rang Mahal
- Moti Masjid.



→ It is in Delhi

→ It is declared a World Heritage Site.

Why it is famous:

→ The Prime Minister hoists the National Flag and addresses the nation.

World Heritage Site:

\* It may be a forest, mountain, lake, desert or monument

\* UNESCO identifies it

\* It has to be of great cultural or natural importance to humanity

UNESCO → United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.



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## Taj Mahal :

\* It is in Agra

\* It was built by Shah Jahan.

\* It was built in memory of Mumtaz Mahal

↳ [wife of Shah Jahan]

\* It is made of white marble.

\* It is a world Heritage Site.

\* It is one of among the new Seven Wonders of the world.

\* Nearly 20,000 labourers took 22 years to build it.

\* More than 20 types of <sup>precious and</sup> semi-precious stones were used to decorate the wall.



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## Mahabalipuram

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District : Kancheepuram

State : Tamil Nadu

Famous monuments : → The Shore Temple

→ The Pancha Ratha

→ The cave temples.

Built By : Pallava Kings

\* The Shore temple is listed among the World Heritage Sites.

\* The Pancha Ratha Temples are named after the Pandavas.

\* The 15 cave temples in Pancha Ratha Temples are called Mandapas.



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## Jaisalmer

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Monuments : → Patwon Ki Haveli;

→ Golden Fort

### Patwon Ki Haveli :

- \* It was built by Guman chand Patwa [Merchant of Jaisalmer]
- \* It is built of Yellow Sandstone.

### Golden Fort :

- \* It was built by King Jaisal
- \* It used to be a walled city where King (his family) and the common people lived.
- \* It is built of yellow sandstone.



## Victoria Memorial:

- \* It was built by the British in the memory of Queen Victoria.
- \* It is made of white marble
- \* It is used as a museum

### Special feature:

- \* There is an angel placed on a dome above the memorial
- \* This angel used to work as a weathercock.

### Other monuments:

- Sanchi Stupa
- The Ashoka pillar.
- The remains of the Nalanda University
- The charminar



## Answer these questions.

① What are monuments? Give some examples.

Ans: Monuments are buildings of historical importance.

Examples: Red fort, Golden Fort, The Shore temple

② Name some famous buildings inside the Red Fort.

Ans: Famous buildings inside the Red Fort are:

→ Diwani-i-Aam

→ Diwani-i-Khas

→ Rang Mahal

→ Moti Masjid

③ What is the criteria for declaring a monument a world Heritage site?

Ans: The monument which is declared as world heritage site has to be of great cultural and natural importance to humanity.



④ Why should we study about monuments?

Ans: we should study about monuments

→ To know about the country's rich heritage.

→ To know the:

\* Society

\* The religious beliefs

\* The culture

\* The occupation of the

people living at that particular time

→ To know the famous person and event.

⑤ How can we conserve our monuments?

Ans: \* we should not damage them

\* we should not scribble on the walls

\* we should not throw things inside or outside

\* we should stop people damaging them





## FUN TO LEARN

### A. Write T for true or F for false.

1. Moti Masjid is inside the Golden Fort. **F**
2. Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. **T**
3. The Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram was built by the Pallava kings. **T**
4. Patwon ki Haveli was built by King Jaisal. **F**
5. Victoria Memorial was built in the memory of Queen Elizabeth. **F**

### B. Complete the following table.

MONUMENT	PLACE	BUILDING MATERIAL	BUILT BY
1. Taj Mahal	<u>Agra</u>	<u>white marble</u>	<u>Shah Jahan</u>
2. Shore Temple	<u>Mahabalipuram</u>	<u>Huge rock</u>	<u>Pallava Kings</u>
3. Red Fort	<u>Delhi</u>	<u>Red sandstone</u>	<u>Shah Jahan</u>
4. Golden Fort	<u>Jaisalmer</u>	<u>Yellow sandstone</u>	<u>King Jaisal</u>
5. Victoria Memorial	<u>Kolkata</u>	<u>white marble</u>	<u>British</u>

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4. Why should we study about monuments?
5. How can we conserve our monuments?



⑤ How are artificial satellites helpful to mankind?

Ans:

Artificial satellites help us:

→ To send message from one country to another [communication satellites]

→ Help in weather forecasting [weather satellites]