

Before watching

1 Match the words on the left with their synonyms or definitions on the right.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> to found | a. to fall/go down |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> exhibit | b. money given for a specific cause, especially a charity |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> to drop | c. a work of art or historical importance shown to the public |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> antiquity | d. to set up/begin (for example a company) |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> donation | e. services available to people |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> facilities | f. cultural things from the past |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> heritage | g. money you pay to enter a museum or cinema for example |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> admission | h. a very old and valuable object |

While watching

2 Watch the video and mark the statements True (T) or False (F).

- ☐ Exhibits in the British Museum come only from Britain and its Empire.
- ☐ Museum admission is free.
- ☐ The Great Court was designed by a Japanese architect.
- ☐ The British Library is inside the British Museum.
- ☐ There are three Egyptian Galleries.
- ☐ The oldest exhibits are 3,000 years old.

3 Now watch again and answer the following questions.

- When did the British Museum first open?
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- How many exhibits does it have?
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- How many people visited between 2007 and 2008?
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- Why did they re-introduce free admission?
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5. What structure is The Great Court based upon?
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6. What facilities are there in the Great Court?
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7. What kind of support is there for young people?
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8. What are the names of two famous Egyptian works?
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9. How many exhibits are there in the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities?
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10. What particular object does Greece contest in the British Museum?
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4 Find the following information about the Wallace Collection: www.wallacecollection.org.

- cost of admission
- opening hours
- location
- special exhibitions currently on
- main themes, types of work in collection

5 Write a description of a museum local to you. Describe the type of exhibits, the cost of visiting, the opening hours and the layout (number of floors, location of exhibits).

6 For more museum-related listening practice: www.esolcourses.com/content/lifeintheuk/museums/museums-and-galleries-quiz.html.

7 Try a British Museum quiz at: <http://arts.guardian.co.uk/quiz/questions/0,,970415,00.html>.