



Topic

Conversation
for Advanced

Lesson 6
Angkor Wat

Lead-in

Read the facts about Angkor Wat.



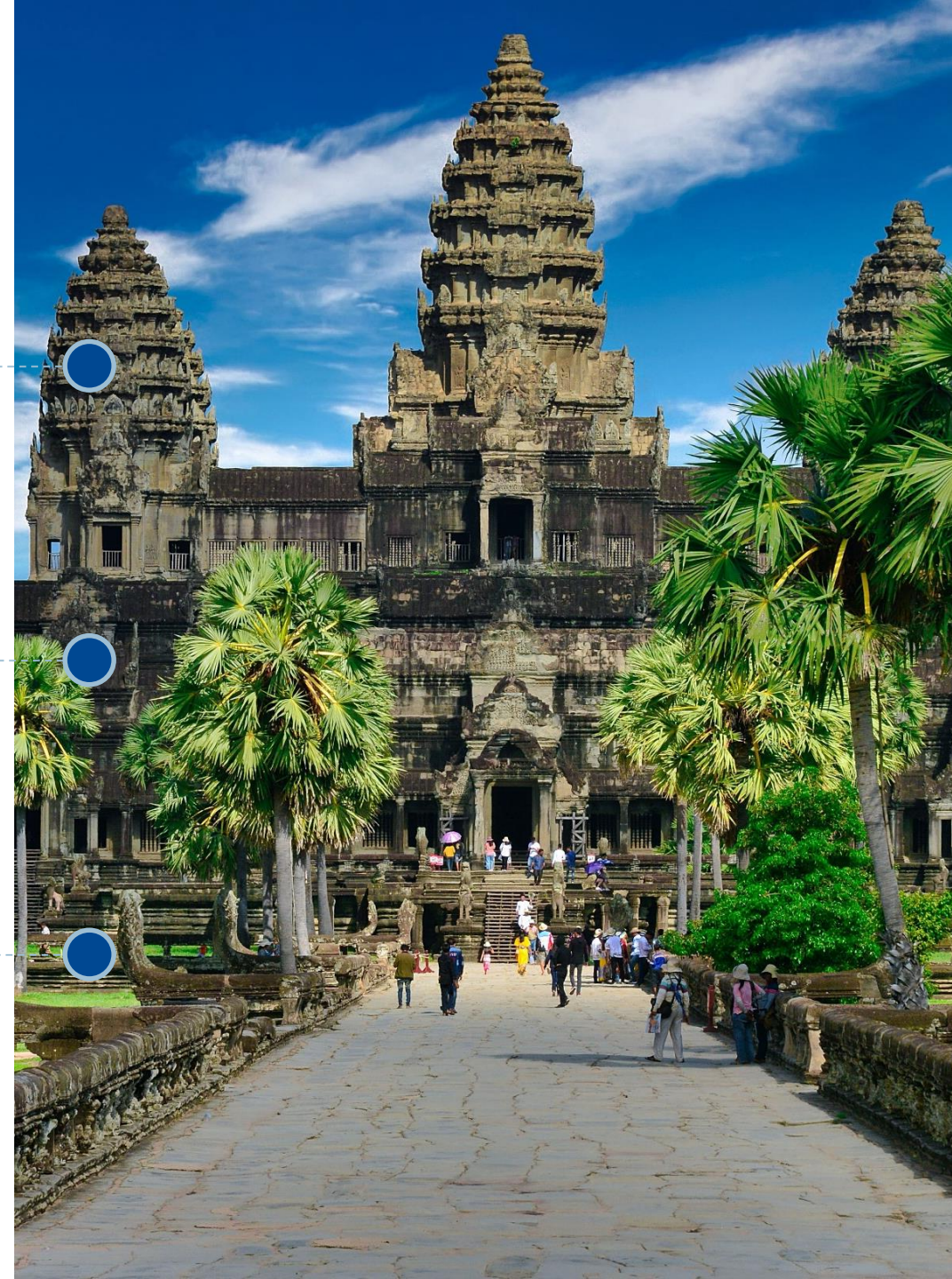
Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world.

It spreads across **400 acres**. There are **72 major temples** and **several hundred minor temple** sites within the area.



Nearly **2.6 million tourists** visit Angkor Wat every year.

Have you been to Angkor Wat?



Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will learn to talk about
Angkor Wat:

- read an article about Angkor Wat;
- learn words to talk about religious monuments;
- share cultural or historical sites in your country.

Key words:

1. replica
2. mythical
3. compass
4. cardinal
5. perspective

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Angkor (in Cambodia) is the ancient capital of Khmer Empire. A temple built for King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city is called Angkor Wat (or Angkor Vat) which is dedicated to Vishnu (Hindu). In Khmer language, “Angkor wat” means “temple city”. It is located about six kilometers north of Seam Reap, south of Angkor Thom. The estimated construction time of the temple is 30 years.



Comprehension check:

- 1. Where is Angkor Wat located?*
- 2. Why was Angkor Wat built?*

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Angkor Wat is a miniature **replica** of the universe in stone and represents an earthly model of the cosmic world. The central tower rises from the center of the monument symbolizing the **mythical** mountain, Mount Meru, home of the gods in Hindu mythology. The surrounding moat represents the sea. The four sides face the **cardinal compass points**.



Comprehension check:

3. What is Angkor Wat?

4. What does the tower symbolize?

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

If you want to visit Cambodia and witness the world's largest religious monument, it's best if you get some guidebooks to read. In the guidebook, it is stated that a traveler or a visitor may walk through the temples in the morning to avoid afternoon heat but this would take a minimum of five days. Temple veterans were quick to dismiss this strategy and advised to rent a bicycle in Siem Reap. Another option is a bus tour, which is offered at most area hotels. The easiest way if you are with two to four other visitors is to hire a car and a driver. Traveling increases our knowledge and widens our **perspective**. It can help us change some of our habits or even create new ones. Traveling with friends or family creates memories for a lifetime.

Comprehension check:

5. What travel advice was mentioned in the article if you want to visit Cambodia?



Respond to Reading

Complete the task.

❑ Correct the underlined information about Angkor Wat.



In the 12th century, Angkor Wat was built for a queen as her state temple. The construction lasted 50 years. It was said that Angkor Wat is a miniature replica of the Earth in stone and represents an earthly model of the cosmic world.

Today, Angkor Wat is a famous religious monument with millions of visitors every year. Tourists are advised to get some food to eat while on a tour. For solo travelers, walking through the temples in the morning to avoid afternoon heat is the best suggestion given by temple veterans, and touring in a bus or renting a car for tourists in groups.

Free Talk

Read the questions and share your opinions.



Dos

■ _____.

■ _____.



Don'ts

■ _____.

■ _____.

- ☐ Name a famous religious monument or historical place in your country.
- ☐ What are the DOs and DON'Ts people must observe in this place?
- ☐ If you had the chance to travel to a famous site, where would you want to go and why?

Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

It's fun to visit places of historic interests because it increases your knowledge about the place, but keep in mind the Do's and Don'ts posted at the location. Be a responsible tourist.

☐ Talk about the importance of visiting historical places.

Use some of the words you learned today.

1. replica
2. mythical
3. compass
4. cardinal
5. perspective

Your opinion...

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