

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

Lesson 30 The Sydney Opera House



Warm-up questions.



Name: The Sydney Opera House

Location: on the shore of Sydney Harbour, Australia

Height: 67 m

Length: 187 m

Width: 115 m

1. What does the building look like?
2. What do you know about this building?

Read and learn.

The Sydney Opera House

Unlike the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower, the Sydney Opera House is a building of the 20th century. It was built between 1959 and 1973.

The building looks like the sails of a boat. These sails are made of concrete and are covered with white and yellow tiles. Some of the walls of the building are made of special glass from France.

sail



tiles



concrete



a very hard building material made by mixing cement, sand, small stones and water

Read and learn.

Inside the building, there are 7 different **venues**. The Concert Hall is the largest one with over 2500 seats. It also has the largest **organ** in the world.

The building was designed by an architect from Denmark, Jorn Utzon. He won a competition to design the opera house in 1957. His design **beat** 232 competitors and won him £5000.

The work started in 1959. It took almost 15 years, 10,000 workers and \$102 million to complete the building. It finally opened on 20th October, 1973.



venue

a place where people meet for an organized event



organ

a large musical instrument with keys like a piano



beat

to win against;
defeat

Read and learn.

Many events take place here, including operas, concerts, shows and meetings. If you don't want to see a concert, you can go on a tour of the building. You can also go on a boat trip around the harbour to see the building.

The Sydney Opera House is considered the greatest work of **architecture** of the 20th century.



architecture

the design or style of a building or buildings

Match the words to their meanings.



sail

tiles

concrete

venue

beat

architecture

1. a place where people meet for an organized event
2. a very hard building material made by mixing together cement , sand, small stones, and water
3. a large piece of cloth in a boat
4. to win against; defeat
5. a flat piece of hard material used to cover floors, walls, or roofs
6. the design or style of a building or buildings

Grammar

unlike...

not similar or equal; different from

Examples

- Unlike the Statue of Liberty, the Sydney Opera House is a building of the 20th century.
- Unlike Mary, I love to swim.
- The country mouse and the town mouse were unlike in many ways.

**Make your own sentences using “unlike”.**

1. Unlike _____.

2. _____.

Answer the questions.

1. What does the Sydney Opera House look like?



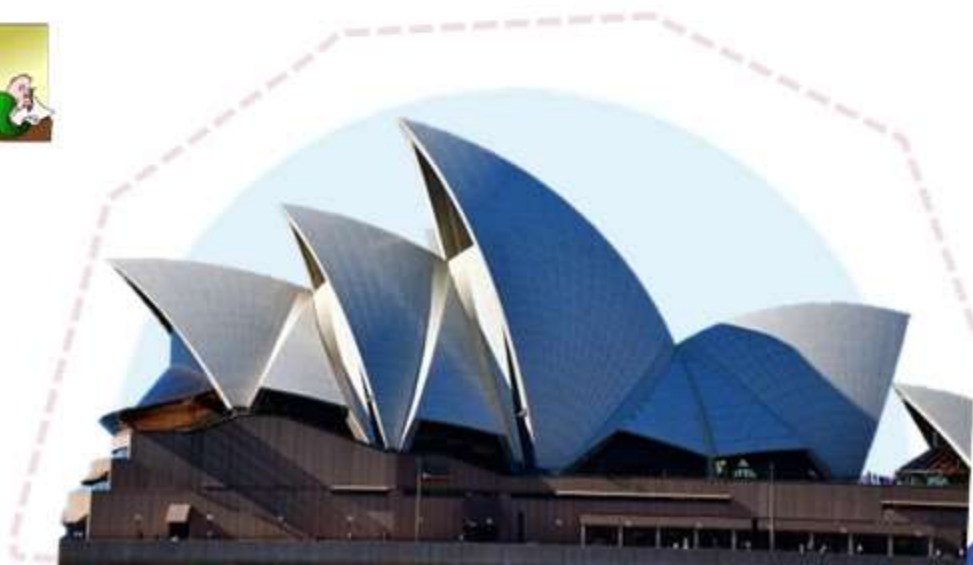
2. What can we see inside the building?



3. Who designed the building?



4. What do people think of the building?



Talk more.

Which building has the best architectural design? Why?

