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THE ARTICLE

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China is building up a large collection of the biggest things in the world. The latest addition is the world's largest building. It is called the New Century Global Center and it opened this week in Chengdu, Sichuan province, in China's southwest. It is 500 meters long, 400 meters wide and 100 meters high. The area inside covers an amazing 1.76 million square meters. The building is so big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses could fit inside. It is almost three times the size of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It took thousands of workers just three years to build the enormous structure. The center is an important part of plans to make Chengdu a 21st-century city. It fits with the city's slogan, "Chengdu – Can Do".

The inside of the center is almost like a small city in itself. There are around 400,000 square meters of shopping space, a 15-screen IMAX movie theater complex and an ice rink big enough to hold international competitions. There are also offices, hotels, a replica Mediterranean village and a water park. The building's owners hope it will attract business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all part of a wider plan to put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people currently live in the city, but that is set to increase. The city is also a magnet for investment and is one of China's most important industrial regions. The area is also home to the world's largest giant panda nature reserve.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/worlds-largest-building-the-new-century-global-center-officially-opens-in-china-8681615.html>
http://edition.cnn.com/2013/07/01/travel/china-largest-building-chengdu/?hpt=hp_c4

WARM-UPS

1. LARGE BUILDINGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about large buildings. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

large collection / biggest buildings / Sydney Opera House / 21st-century city / slogan / small city / shopping space / movie theater / ice rink / water park / magnet / panda

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. 21st-CENTURY: What does one need? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

21 st -Century...	In your town?	In a 21 st -Century city
transport		
schools		
parks		
museums		
hotels		
shopping malls		

4. BIGGER IS BETTER: Students A **strongly** believe bigger is better; Students B **strongly** believe small is beautiful. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BIGGEST: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones you want in your country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- shopping mall
- water park
- zoo
- building
- sports stadium
- university
- car park
- airport

6. SHOPPING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'shopping'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. The world's largest building is now an army headquarters in China. | T / F |
| b. The building is 100 meters high and 500 meters long. | T / F |
| c. 20 Sydney Opera Houses could fit inside the building. | T / F |
| d. It took 13 years to build. | T / F |
| e. There are 400,000 small stores in the building. | T / F |
| f. The building has a village that looks European. | T / F |
| g. 14 million people will use the building every week. | T / F |
| h. The city with the building is also famous for pandas. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. collection | a. huge |
| 2. addition | b. set |
| 3. amazing | c. motto |
| 4. enormous | d. copy |
| 5. slogan | e. extra |
| 6. theater | f. areas |
| 7. competitions | g. cinema |
| 8. replica | h. contests |
| 9. attract | i. unbelievable |
| 10. regions | j. win over |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. building up a | a. a 21st-century city |
| 2. The area inside covers an amazing | b. business and tourists |
| 3. It took thousands of workers | c. of shopping space |
| 4. enormous | d. for investment |
| 5. plans to make Chengdu | e. large collection |
| 6. 400,000 square meters | f. structure |
| 7. big enough to hold | g. nature reserve |
| 8. it will attract | h. 1.76 million square meters |
| 9. a magnet | i. international competitions |
| 10. giant panda | j. just three years to build |

GAP FILL

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China is (1) _____ up a large collection of the biggest things in the world. The latest (2) _____ is the world's largest building. It is called the New Century Global Center and it opened this week in Chengdu, Sichuan province, in China's southwest. It is 500 meters long, 400 meters (3) _____ and 100 meters high. The area inside (4) _____ an amazing 1.76 million square meters. The building is so big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses could (5) _____ inside. It is almost three times the (6) _____ of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It took thousands of workers just three years to build the (7) _____ structure. The center is an important part of plans to make Chengdu a 21st-century city. It fits with the city's (8) _____, "Chengdu – Can Do".

fit
wide
enormous
building
slogan
addition
size
covers

The (9) _____ of the center is almost like a small city in itself. There are around 400,000 square meters of shopping (10) _____, a 15-screen IMAX movie theater complex and an ice rink big enough to hold international competitions. There are also offices, hotels, a (11) _____ Mediterranean village and a water park. The building's owners hope it will (12) _____ business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all part of a wider (13) _____ to put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people currently live in the city, but that is set to (14) _____. The city is also a (15) _____ for investment and is one of China's most important industrial regions. The area is also home to the world's largest giant panda nature (16) _____.

magnet
attract
increase
space
reserve
inside
replica
plan

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) China is building up a large collection of the biggest _____
 - a. thing in the world
 - b. things on the world
 - c. things in a world
 - d. things in the world
- 2) The area inside covers an amazing _____ meters
 - a. 1.76 million square
 - b. 176 million square
 - c. 17.6 million square
 - d. 1.076 million square
- 3) The building is so big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses _____
 - a. could fitting side
 - b. could fit tin side
 - c. could fit inside
 - d. could fit insides
- 4) It took thousands of workers just three years to build _____
 - a. the enormously structure
 - b. the enormous structures
 - c. the enormous structure
 - d. the enormously structured
- 5) The center is an important part of plans to make Chengdu _____
 - a. a 20th-century city
 - b. a 22nd-century city
 - c. a 21st-century city
 - d. a 31st-century city
- 6) The inside of the center is almost like a small _____
 - a. city inner itself
 - b. city in it self
 - c. city in its self
 - d. city in itself
- 7) an ice rink big enough to hold _____
 - a. international competition
 - b. internationally competitions
 - c. inter-nation all competitions
 - d. international competitions
- 8) The building's owners hope it will attract _____
 - a. businesses and tourists
 - b. business and tourist
 - c. businesses and tourist
 - d. business and tourists
- 9) all part of a wider plan to put Chengdu _____
 - a. on the globe all map
 - b. on a global map
 - c. on the global map
 - d. in the global map
- 10) The area is also home to the world's largest giant _____
 - a. panda natural reserve
 - b. panda nature reserves
 - c. panda natural reserves
 - d. panda nature reserve

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The inside of the center is almost (7) _____. There are around 400,000 square meters of shopping space, a 15-screen IMAX movie theater complex and (8) _____ to hold international competitions. There are also offices, hotels, a replica Mediterranean village and a water park. (9) _____ will attract business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all (10) _____ put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people currently live in the city, but that is set to increase. The (11) _____ investment and is one of China's most important industrial regions. The area is (12) _____ largest giant panda nature reserve.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130703-largest_building.html

1. What is China building a collection of?

2. When did the building open?

3. What is the width of the building?

4. How many times bigger than the Pentagon is it?

5. What is the city's slogan?

6. How much shopping space is inside the building?

7. What is big enough for international competitions?

8. What is there a copy of inside the building?

9. What is the population of Chengdu?

10. What lives in Chengdu's nature reserve?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130703-largest_building.html

1. What is China building a collection of?
 - a) cities
 - b) the world's largest things
 - c) buildings
 - d) companies
2. When did the building open?
 - a) a month ago
 - b) the day before yesterday
 - c) yesterday
 - d) last week
3. What is the width of the building?
 - a) 400 meters
 - b) 100 meters
 - c) 500 meters
 - d) 176 meters
4. How many times bigger than the Pentagon is it?
 - a) 1.76 times
 - b) 20 times
 - c) not quite 3 times
 - d) just over three times
5. What is the city's slogan?
 - a) "Can Chengdu Do"
 - b) "Chengdu – Can Do"
 - c) "Do Chengdu Can"
 - d) "Can Do Chengdu"
6. How much shopping space is inside the building?
 - a) four thousand square meters
 - b) 40,000 m²
 - c) 400,000 square meters
 - d) 14 thousand square meters
7. What is big enough for international competitions?
 - a) an indoor cycling track
 - b) an athletics track
 - c) a sports stadium
 - d) an ice rink
8. What is there a copy of inside the building?
 - a) a European village
 - b) the Great Wall of China
 - c) The White House
 - d) the Sydney Opera House
9. What is the population of Chengdu?
 - a) about 14 million
 - b) 140,000
 - c) 1.4 million
 - d) 140,000,000
10. What lives in Chengdu's nature reserve?
 - a) animals from around the world
 - b) pandas
 - c) Chinese tigers
 - d) Disney cartoon characters

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ROLE PLAY

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Role A – World's biggest building

You think the world's biggest building is the best thing to have for your town. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the world's fastest train, the world's most luxurious hotel or the world's best soccer team.

Role B – World's fastest train

You think the world's fastest train is the best thing to have for your town. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the world's biggest building, the world's most luxurious hotel or the world's best soccer team.

Role C – World's most luxurious hotel

You think the world's most luxurious hotel is the best thing to have for your town. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the world's fastest train, the world's biggest building or the world's best soccer team.

Role D – World's best soccer team

You think the world's best soccer team is the best thing to have for your town. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the world's fastest train, the world's most luxurious hotel or the world's biggest building.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'global' and 'center'.

global	center

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• addition• opened• 400• 1.76 million• 20• slogan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• small• 15• also• plan• increase• area
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LARGE BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about large buildings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

LARGE BUILDINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'largest'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) Is it good to have the world's largest building in your town?
- e) What's the biggest building in your town like?
- f) What would you like to have in your town that's the world's biggest?
- g) Would you like to visit the New Century Global Center in Chengdu?
- h) How big will buildings get in the future?
- i) What kind of buildings do you like?
- j) What should be in a 21st-century city?

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LARGE BUILDINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think some buildings are too big?
- c) Is it possible to have a shopping mall that's too big?
- d) What do you think of living inside a city in a building and not going out?
- e) Why do you think a replica Mediterranean village is in the building?
- f) Do you think Chengdu will become a famous tourist spot?
- g) What is your city a magnet for?
- h) What problems are there with enormous buildings?
- i) What do you think is the world's most amazing building?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the owner of the building?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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China is building up a large (1) _____ of the biggest things in the world. The latest addition is the world's largest building. It is called the New Century Global Center and it opened this week in Chengdu, Sichuan province, in China's (2) _____. It is 500 meters long, 400 meters (3) _____ and 100 meters high. The area inside covers an amazing 1.76 million square meters. The building is so big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses could (4) _____ inside. It is almost three times the size of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It took thousands of workers just three years to build the enormous (5) _____. The center is an important part of plans to make Chengdu a 21st-century city. It fits (6) _____ the city's slogan, "Chengdu – Can Do".

The inside of the center is almost like a small city in (7) _____. There are around 400,000 square meters of shopping space, a 15-screen IMAX movie theater complex and an ice rink big (8) _____ to hold international competitions. There are also offices, hotels, a replica Mediterranean village and a water park. The building's owners hope it will (9) _____ business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all part of a wider plan to put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people (10) _____ live in the city, but that is set to increase. The city is also a (11) _____ for investment and is one of China's most important industrial regions. The area is also home to the world's largest giant panda nature (12) _____.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) collectable | (b) collection | (c) collect | (d) collecting |
| 2. | (a) westsouth | (b) southwest | (c) southwesterly | (d) southwestern |
| 3. | (a) width | (b) widest | (c) widen | (d) wide |
| 4. | (a) entrance | (b) fit | (c) come | (d) build |
| 5. | (a) stature | (b) structure | (c) scripture | (d) sculpture |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) with | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) self | (b) it | (c) itself | (d) its |
| 8. | (a) plenty | (b) so | (c) enough | (d) that |
| 9. | (a) put | (b) flap | (c) compact | (d) attract |
| 10. | (a) current | (b) currant | (c) currency | (d) currently |
| 11. | (a) magnet | (b) conduct | (c) charge | (d) field |
| 12. | (a) building | (b) field | (c) reserve | (d) bamboo |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a large onioccllet
2. the latest anidotod
3. in Chengdu, Sichuan ipnrvoec
4. 1.76 million rqusea meters
5. toassnhdu of workers
6. build the orsonmeu structure

Paragraph 2

7. IMAX movie theatre melxcpo
8. otrsstui from across China
9. people rutlycnre live in the city
10. a magnet for eviettnsmn
11. industrial sniegro
12. giant panda nature rrseeev

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () inside. It is almost three times the size of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It took thousands
- () plans to make Chengdu a 21st-century city. It fits with the city's slogan, "Chengdu – Can Do".
- () plan to put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people currently live in the city, but that is set
- () space, a 15-screen IMAX movie theatre complex and an ice rink big enough to hold international
- () province, in China's southwest. It is 500 meters long, 400 meters wide and 100 meters high. The area inside covers
- () owners hope it will attract business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all part of a wider
- () an amazing 1.76 million square meters. The building is so big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses could fit
- () of workers just three years to build the enormous structure. The center is an important part of
- () The inside of the center is almost like a small city in itself. There are around 400,000 square meters of shopping
- () to increase. The city is also a magnet for investment and is one of China's most important industrial
- () competitions. There are also offices, hotels, a replica Mediterranean village and a water park. The building's
- (**1**) China is building up a large collection of the biggest things in the world. The latest addition is the
- () world's largest building. It is called the New Century Global Center and it opened this week in Chengdu, Sichuan
- () regions. The area is also home to the world's largest giant panda nature reserve.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of the biggest things in the world A large collection.

2. the The world's latest largest addition building is.

3. m² million amazing an covers inside 1.76 area The.

4. the Pentagon It is almost three times the size of.

5. years to build It took thousands of workers just three.

6. small a like almost is center the of inside The city.

7. competitions ice enough international An big hold rink to.

8. The will building's attract owners business hope it.

9. on to A the put wider global Chengdu plan map.

10. largest nature Home world's panda the giant reserve to.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130703-largest_building.html

China is building *up* / *in* a large collection of the biggest things in the world. The latest *addition* / *add* is the world's largest building. It is called the New Century Global Center and it opened this week in Chengdu, Sichuan province, in China's *southwesterly* / *southwest*. It is 500 meters long, 400 meters wide and 100 meters *high* / *height*. The area inside *covering* / *covers* an amazing 1.76 million square meters. The building is *such* / *so* big that 20 Sydney Opera Houses could *fit* / *fitting* inside. It is almost *three* / *third* times the size of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It took thousands of workers just three years to build the *enormity* / *enormous* structure. The center is an important part of plans to make Chengdu a 21st-century city. It fits with the city's *slogan* / *slog*, "Chengdu – Can Do".

The inside of the center is almost like a small city *on* / *in* itself. There are *round* / *around* 400,000 square meters of shopping space, a 15-screen IMAX movie theater complex and an *nice* / *ice* rink big enough to *holding* / *hold* international competitions. There are also offices, *hotels* / *hotel*, a replica Mediterranean village and a water park. The building's owners hope it will *attract* / *attractive* business and tourists from across China and the world. It is all part of a *wider* / *width* plan to put Chengdu on the global map. Around 14 million people *currency* / *currently* live in the city, but that is *let* / *set* to increase. The city is also a magnet for investment and is one of China's most important industrial regions. The area is also *house* / *home* to the world's largest giant panda nature reserve.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Ch_n_ _s b__ld_ng _p _ l_rg_ c_ll_ct__n _f th_ b_gg_st th_ngs _n th_ w_rld. Th_ l_t_st _dd_t__n _s th_ w_rld's l_rg_st b__ld_ng. _t _s c_ll_d th_ N_w C_nt_ry Gl_b_l C_nt_r _nd _t _p_n_d th_s w__k _n Ch_ngd_, S_ch__n pr_v_nc_, _n Ch_n_'s s__thw_st. _t _s 500 m_t_rs l_ng, 400 m_t_rs w_d_ _nd 100 m_t_rs h_g_h. Th_ _r__ _ns_d_ c_v_rs _n _m_z_ng 1.76 m_ll__n sq__r_m_t_rs. Th_ b__ld_ng _s s_b_g th_t 20 Sydn_y _p_r_ H__s_s c__ld f_t _ns_d_. _t _s _lm_st thr__t_m_s th_s_z_ _f th_ P_nt_g_n _n W_sh_ngt_n, D.C. _t t__k th__s_nds _f w_rk_rs j_st thr__y__rs t_b__ld th_ _n_rm__s str_ct_r_. Th_ c_nt_r _s _n _mp_rt_nt p_rt _f pl_ns t_m_k_ Ch_ngd_ _ 21st-c_nt_ry c_ty. _t f_ts w_th th_ c_ty's sl_g_n, "Ch_ngd_ - C_n D_".

Th_ _ns_d_ _f th_ c_nt_r _s _lm_st l_k_ _ sm_ll c_ty _n _ts_lf. Th_r_ _r_ _r__nd 400,000 sq__r_m_t_rs _f sh_pp_ng sp_c_, _ 15-scr__n _M_X m_v__ th__t_r c_mpl_x _nd _n _c_ r_nk b_g _n_g_h t_ h_ld _nt_rn_t_n_l c_mpt_t_ns. Th_r_ _r_ _ls_ _ff_c_s, h_t_ls, _r_pl_c _M_d_t_rr_n__n v_ll_g_ _nd _w_t_r p_rk. Th_ b__ld_ng's _wn_rs h_p_ _t w_ll _ttr_ct b_s_n_ss _nd t__r_sts fr_m _cr_ss Ch_n_ _nd th_ w_rld. _t _s _ll p_rt _f _w_d_r pl_n_t_p_t Ch_ngd_ _n th_ gl_b_l m_p. _r__nd 14 m_ll__n p__pl_ c_rr_ntly l_v_ _n th_ c_ty, b_t th_t _s s_t_t_ _ncr__s_. Th_ c_ty _s _ls_ _m_gn_t_f_r_nv_stm_nt _nd _s_n_ _f Ch_n_'s m_st _mp_rt_nt _nd str__l_r_g__ns. Th_ _r__ _s _ls_ h_m_ t_ th_ w_rld's l_rg_st g__nt p_nd_ n_t_r_r_s_rv_.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the inside of the center is almost like a small city in itself there are around 400000 square meters of shopping space a 15-screen imax movie theater complex and an ice rink big enough to hold international competitions there are also offices hotels a replica mediterranean village and a water park the building's owners hope it will attract business and tourists from across china and the world it is all part of a wider plan to put chengdu on the global map around 14 million people currently live in the city but that is set to increase the city is also a magnet for investment and is one of china's most important industrial regions the area is also home to the world's largest giant panda nature reserve

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the world's largest buildings. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHENGDU: Make a poster about the center in Chengdu. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LARGEST BUILDING: Write a magazine article about the New Century Global Center. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to the owner of the New Century Global Center. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. collection | a. set |
| 2. addition | b. extra |
| 3. amazing | c. unbelievable |
| 4. enormous | d. huge |
| 5. slogan | e. motto |
| 6. theater | f. cinema |
| 7. competitions | g. contests |
| 8. replica | h. copy |
| 9. attract | i. win over |
| 10. regions | j. areas |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The world's largest things
2. This week
3. 400 meters
4. Almost three times bigger
5. Chengdu – Can Do
6. Around 400,000 square meters
7. An ice rink
8. A Mediterranean village
9. Around 14 million
10. Giant pandas

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)