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Rome's Colosseum to get new hi-tech floor

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210506-colosseum-4.html>

Rome has the green light to refurbish the ancient Colosseum. The iconic site is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago. A new floor will give visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought for their lives. Gladiators entertained audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators and wild animals.

Italy said the project will open to the public by 2023 and will cost around \$22.2 million. The Colosseum has no floor. Archaeologists removed the original one in the 19th Century to expose a network of underground tunnels. The new floor will allow visitors to see "the majesty of the Colosseum". A spokesperson said the project would, "aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the original image of the Colosseum".

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/italy-unveils-new-hi-tech-floor-design-colosseum-area-2021-05-02/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Rome has the green | a. chance |
| 2. The iconic | b. ever built |
| 3. the largest ancient amphitheatre | c. audiences |
| 4. It was completed over two | d. once fought |
| 5. give visitors the | e. light to refurbish |
| 6. stand where Roman gladiators | f. death |
| 7. Gladiators entertained | g. site |
| 8. fighting to the | h. millennia ago |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. open to the public | a. \$22.2 million |
| 2. cost around | b. allow visitors to see |
| 3. Archaeologists removed | c. of the Colosseum |
| 4. expose a network of underground | d. conservation |
| 5. The new floor will | e. structures |
| 6. aid the | f. tunnels |
| 7. archaeological | g. by 2023 |
| 8. the original image | h. the original one |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Rome has the green (1) _____ the ancient Colosseum.

The (2) _____ one of the New Seven Wonders of the

World. It is (3) _____ amphitheatre ever built. It was

completed over two millennia ago. A new floor will give visitors the

(4) _____ where Roman gladiators once fought for their

lives. Gladiators entertained (5) _____ Roman Empire

by fighting to the death with swords against (6) _____

wild animals.

Italy said the (7) _____ to the public by 2023 and will

cost around \$22.2 million. The Colosseum (8) _____.

Archaeologists removed the (9) _____ the 19th Century

to expose (10) _____ underground tunnels. The new

floor will allow visitors to see "(11) _____ the

Colosseum". A spokesperson said the project would, "aid the conservation of

the archaeological structures (12) _____ to the original

image of the Colosseum".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROME'S COLOSSEUM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Rome's Colosseum 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Rome's Colosseum** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
