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## Rome's Colosseum to get new hi-tech floor

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# THE ARTICLE

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Italy's government has given the green light for the refurbishment of Rome's famous ancient Colosseum. The Colosseum is one of the world's most iconic sites and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome and is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago in AD 80. The plans will see the monument fitted with a new floor that will allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought for their lives. Gladiators were used to entertain audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and condemned criminals.

Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini announced the high-tech project and said it would open to the public by 2023. It is projected to cost around 18.5 million euro, or \$22.2 million. The Colosseum currently has no floor. Archaeologists removed the original floor in the 19th Century to expose the structure's network of underground tunnels. Mr Franceschini said the new floor would be "extraordinary" and would allow visitors to see "the majesty of the Colosseum" from its centre. He added: "It's another step forward toward rebuilding the arena. It is an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the original image of the Colosseum."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ROME'S COLOSSEUM:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Rome's Colosseum. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

government / green light / famous / ancient / iconic / amphitheatre / gladiator / high-tech / project / the public / network / tunnel / extraordinary / conservation

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

**3. CONSERVATION:** Students A **strongly** believe it is essential to conserve ancient sites; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD:** What do you know about the New Seven Wonders of the World? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
The Colosseum		
Great Wall of China		
Chichén Itzá El Castillo		
Petra		
Machu Picchu		
Christ the Redeemer		
Taj Mahal		

**5. ROME:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Rome". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SITES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best sites at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The Colosseum
- Great Wall of China
- The Statue of Liberty
- Mount Fuji
- Machu Picchu
- Sydney Opera House
- Easter Island Moai
- The Pyramids

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. green light   | a. Permission to go ahead with a project.  |
| 2. refurbishment | b. A man trained to fight with weapons against other men or wild animals in an arena.                  |
| 3. ancient       | c. The renovation and redecoration of something, especially a building.                                |
| 4. iconic        | d. A period of a thousand years.   |
| 5. millennia     | e. Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.                                      |
| 6. gladiator     | f. Relating to or of the nature of a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol of something. |
| 7. condemned     | g. Sentenced someone to a particular punishment, especially death.                                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. projected      | h. Impressive stateliness, dignity, or beauty.  |
| 9. expose         | i. Very unusual or remarkable.  |
| 10. structure     | j. Estimated or forecast something on the basis of present trends.                          |
| 11. extraordinary | k. Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed.                          |
| 12. majesty       | l. Make something visible, typically by uncovering it.                                      |
| 13. ambitious     | m. Preservation and repair of archaeological, historical, and cultural sites and artifacts. |
| 14. conservation  | n. A building or other object constructed from several parts.                               |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Italy's government lit a red light for the Colosseum's new floor. **T / F**
- b. The Colosseum is one of the ancient wonders of the world. **T / F**
- c. The Colosseum was built in 80BC. **T / F**
- d. In the Roman Empire, men used to fight wild animals with swords. **T / F**
- e. Italy's culture minister said the new floor would be ready by 2023. **T / F**
- f. Archaeologists removed the original Colosseum floor in the 19th Century. **T / F**
- g. Italy's culture minister said the new floor would be extraordinary. **T / F**
- h. Italy's culture minister said the new floor was an ambitious project. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>green light</b>   | a. declared     |
| 2. <b>built</b>         | b. preservation |
| 3. <b>fitted</b>        | c. convicted    |
| 4. <b>entertain</b>     | d. forecast     |
| 5. <b>condemned</b>     | e. constructed  |
| 6. <b>announced</b>     | f. go-ahead     |
| 7. <b>projected</b>     | g. web          |
| 8. <b>network</b>       | h. remarkable   |
| 9. <b>extraordinary</b> | i. amuse        |
| 10. <b>conservation</b> | j. equipped     |

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

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. given the green                | a. of underground tunnels      |
| 2. one of the world's most        | b. for their lives             |
| 3. It is an oval                  | c. image of the Colosseum      |
| 4. Roman gladiators once fought   | d. iconic sites                |
| 5. fighting to the                | e. forward                     |
| 6. it would open to               | f. death with swords           |
| 7. The Colosseum currently        | g. light for the refurbishment |
| 8. expose the structure's network | h. has no floor                |
| 9. It's another step              | i. amphitheatre                |
| 10. getting back to the original  | j. the public by 2023          |

# GAP FILL

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

Italy's government has given the green (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
for the refurbishment of Rome's famous (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Colosseum. The Colosseum is one of the world's most  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ sites and one of the New Seven Wonders  
of the World. It is an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ amphitheatre in the  
centre of the city of Rome and is the largest ancient  
amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ ago in AD 80. The plans will see the  
monument fitted with a new floor that will allow visitors the  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ to stand where Roman gladiators once  
fought for their lives. Gladiators were used to entertain  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_ during the Roman Empire by fighting to  
the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_ criminals.

*ancient*  
*millennia*  
*audiences*  
*iconic*  
*light*  
*condemned*  
*oval*  
*chance*

Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
the high-tech project and said it would open to the  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ by 2023. It is projected to cost around  
18.5 million euro, or \$22.2 million. The Colosseum  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ has no floor. Archaeologists removed the  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ floor in the 19th Century to expose the  
structure's network of underground tunnels. Mr Franceschini said  
the new floor would be "(13) \_\_\_\_\_" and would allow  
visitors to see "the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Colosseum"  
from its centre. He added: "It's another step forward  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ rebuilding the arena. It is an ambitious  
project that will aid the conservation of the archaeological  
structures while getting back to the (16) \_\_\_\_\_  
image of the Colosseum."

*majesty*  
*announced*  
*original*  
*currently*  
*toward*  
*extraordinary*  
*public*  
*original*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The Colosseum is one of the world's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. must iconic sites
  - b. moist iconic sites
  - c. moss iconic sites
  - d. most iconic sites
- 2) the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. two millennia age
  - b. two millennia ago
  - c. two millennia ages
  - d. two millennia agro
- 3) allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for there lives
  - b. for they're lives
  - c. for they lives
  - d. for their lives
- 4) Gladiators were used to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. enter train audiences
  - b. enter tame audiences
  - c. enter taint audiences
  - d. entertain audiences
- 5) against other gladiators, wild animals, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. condemn criminals
  - b. condemns criminals
  - c. condemned criminals
  - d. condemning criminals
- 6) announced the high-tech project and said it would open \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the publicity
  - b. to the public
  - c. to the publicly
  - d. to the publics
- 7) Archaeologists removed the original floor in the 19th Century to expose \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the structure's nut work
  - b. the structure's net walk
  - c. the structure's not work
  - d. the structure's network
- 8) Mr Franceschini said the new floor would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be eggs ordinary
  - b. be eggs art ordinary
  - c. be ex trade ordinary
  - d. be extraordinary
- 9) It's another step forward toward \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rebuild in the arena
  - b. rebuild din the arena
  - c. rebuilding the arena
  - d. rib building the arena
- 10) an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. archaeologically structures
  - b. archaeological structures
  - c. archaeology structures
  - d. archaeology call structures

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Italy's government has given (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for the refurbishment of Rome's famous ancient Colosseum. The Colosseum is one of the world's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome and is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago in AD 80. The plans will see the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a new floor that will allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators (5) \_\_\_\_\_ their lives. Gladiators were used to entertain audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ against other gladiators, wild animals, and condemned criminals.

Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini (7) \_\_\_\_\_ project and said it would open to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2023. It is projected to cost around 18.5 million euro, or \$22.2 million. The Colosseum currently has no floor. Archaeologists (9) \_\_\_\_\_ floor in the 19th Century to expose the structure's network of underground tunnels. Mr Franceschini said the new floor would (10) \_\_\_\_\_ would allow visitors to see "the majesty of the Colosseum" from its centre. He added: "It's another step forward toward (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It is an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the Colosseum."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did Italy's government give for the Colosseum's floor to be built?
2. What is the Colosseum one of seven of?
3. When was the Colosseum finished?
4. Who fought for their lives in the Colosseum?
5. What did people fight against besides other people?
6. When will the Colosseum's new floor open to the public?
7. When was the original floor removed?
8. How much is the new floor projected to cost?
9. What did Italy's culture minister say the new floor would be?
10. What did Italy's culture minister say Colosseum would get back to?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did Italy's government give for the Colosseum's floor to be built?
  - a) a neon light
  - b) an amber light
  - c) the red light
  - d) the green light
- 2) What is the Colosseum one of seven of?
  - a) the ancient wonders of the world
  - b) the New Seven Wonders of the World
  - c) special UNESCO World Heritage Sites
  - d) ancient amphitheatres
- 3) When was the Colosseum finished?
  - a) 18 AD
  - b) 80 BC
  - c) 80 AD
  - d) 18 BC
- 4) Who fought for their lives in the Colosseum?
  - a) gladiators
  - b) senators
  - c) emperors
  - d) archaeologists
- 5) What did people fight against besides other people?
  - a) time
  - b) the weather
  - c) wild animals
  - d) a pandemic
- 6) When will the Colosseum's new floor open to the public?
  - a) 2023
  - b) by 2023
  - c) in 2023
  - d) just after 2023
- 7) When was the original floor removed?
  - a) in the 14th Century
  - b) in the 15th Century
  - c) in the 18th Century
  - d) in the 19th Century
- 8) How much is the new floor projected to cost?
  - a) \$22.2 million
  - b) \$18.5 million
  - c) 88.8 million euro
  - d) 22.2 million euro
- 9) What did Italy's culture minister say the new floor would be?
  - a) shiny
  - b) hard
  - c) extraordinary
  - d) slippery
- 10) What did Italy's culture minister say Colosseum would get back to?
  - a) the good-old days
  - b) its original image
  - c) business
  - d) it

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – The Colosseum**

You think the Colosseum is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, the Great Wall of China or the Pyramids.

## **Role B – Mount Fuji**

You think Mount Fuji is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Colosseum, the Great Wall of China or the Pyramids.

## **Role C – Great Wall of China**

You think the Great Wall of China is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, the Colosseum or the Pyramids.

## **Role D – The Pyramids**

You think the Pyramids is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, the Great Wall of China or the Colosseum.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>floor</b>	<b>ancient</b>

- 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 against 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"><li>• light</li><li>• iconic</li><li>• oval</li><li>• ever</li><li>• stand</li><li>• death</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open</li><li>• cost</li><li>• expose</li><li>• allow</li><li>• majesty</li><li>• aid</li></ul>
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# ROME'S COLOSSEUM SURVEY

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

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.

# ROME'S COLOSSEUM DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Colosseum'?
3. What do you know about the Colosseum?
4. What do you think when you see the Colosseum?
5. Where would you put the Colosseum on a 'must-visit' list?
6. Why are we so fascinated by ancient sites?
7. What modern wonders are the best?
8. Is the refurbishment a good idea?
9. What are the best sites in your country?
10. How could people get other people to fight to the death?

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# ROME'S COLOSSEUM DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Rome'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How will the new floor improve the experience at the Colosseum?
15. Why do you think the new floor might be 'extraordinary'?
16. Would you like to be an archaeologist?
17. Why is it important to preserve ancient buildings?
18. What could the Colosseum be used for today?
19. What modern day architecture will be great sites in the future?
20. What questions would you like to ask a Roman gladiator?

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

Italy's government has given the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ light for the refurbishment of Rome's famous ancient Colosseum. The Colosseum is one of the world's most (2) \_\_\_\_\_ sites and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome and is the largest (3) \_\_\_\_\_ amphitheatre ever built. It was completed over two millennia ago in AD 80. The plans will see the monument (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with a new floor that will allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought for their (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Gladiators were used to entertain audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ criminals.

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

- |     |                  |                  |                |                 |
|-----|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) blue         | (b) red          | (c) amber      | (d) green       |
| 2.  | (a) conical      | (b) icon         | (c) cone       | (d) iconic      |
| 3.  | (a) pre-historic | (b) ancient      | (c) history    | (d) primordial  |
| 4.  | (a) equip        | (b) attached     | (c) fitted     | (d) fastened    |
| 5.  | (a) lifestyles   | (b) lifetimes    | (c) lives      | (d) lifers      |
| 6.  | (a) condemned    | (b) commandeered | (c) commended  | (d) commanded   |
| 7.  | (a) at           | (b) to           | (c) of         | (d) in          |
| 8.  | (a) expose       | (b) inhibit      | (c) replenish  | (d) uphold      |
| 9.  | (a) empire       | (b) majesty      | (c) honorific  | (d) imperial    |
| 10. | (a) other        | (b) others       | (c) another    | (d) the others  |
| 11. | (a) statues      | (b) scriptures   | (c) structures | (d) stalactites |
| 12. | (a) on           | (b) as           | (c) at         | (d) of          |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. given the green light for the eemtnbfriursh
2. Rome's famous actnine Colosseum
3. completed over two nllimeain ago
4. where Roman glairtosad once fought
5. used to entertain adeeuncis
6. mnddeneoc criminals

## Paragraph 2

7. Franceschini nonuencda the high-tech project
8. oesepx the structure's network
9. allow visitors to see the seatjym
10. It is an aiiusbotm project
11. archaeological ttrsescuru
12. getting back to the ariiglon image

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) see "the majesty of the Colosseum" from its centre. He added: "It's another step forward"
- ( ) the archaeological structures while getting back to the original image of the Colosseum."
- ( ) fought for their lives. Gladiators were used to entertain audiences during the Roman Empire by
- ( ) the public by 2023. It is projected to cost around 18.5 million euro, or \$22.2 million. The Colosseum currently
- ( ) of underground tunnels. Mr Franceschini said the new floor would be "extraordinary" and would allow visitors to
- ( **1** ) Italy's government has given the green light for the refurbishment of Rome's famous ancient
- ( ) built. It was completed over two millennia ago in AD 80. The plans will see the monument
- ( ) Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini announced the high-tech project and said it would open to
- ( ) toward rebuilding the arena. It is an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of
- ( ) fitted with a new floor that will allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once
- ( ) has no floor. Archaeologists removed the original floor in the 19th Century to expose the structure's network
- ( ) Colosseum. The Colosseum is one of the world's most iconic sites and one of the New Seven Wonders
- ( ) of the World. It is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome and is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever
- ( ) fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and condemned criminals.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. government given light . Italy's has green the
2. of most sites . one world's the It's iconic
3. see the monument floor . Plans with a fitted
4. for their Roman Where gladiators once fought lives .
5. to against death the gladiators . swords Fighting with
6. would by open 2023 . It to public the
7. 18.5 million around is cost projected to It euro .
8. the removed in the Archaeologists . original 19th Century floor
9. of tunnels . network underground structure's Expose the
10. arena . the toward step rebuilding It's forward another

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Italy's government has *given* / *giving* the green light for the refurbishment of Rome's *famously* / *famous* ancient Colosseum. The Colosseum is *one* / *once* of the world's most iconic sites and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is an *evil* / *oval* amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome and is the largest ancient amphitheatre *ever* / *never* built. It was completed over two *millennium* / *millennia* ago in AD 80. The plans will *watch* / *see* the monument *fitted* / *inflated* with a new floor that will allow visitors the chance to stand where Roman gladiators once fought for their *lifestyles* / *lives*. Gladiators were used to entertain audiences during the Roman Empire by fighting to the death with swords against other gladiators, wild animals, and *condemned* / *commended* criminals.

Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini *renounced* / *announced* the high-tech project and said it would *open* / *openly* to the public by 2023. It is projected to cost around 18.5 million euro, or \$22.2 million. The Colosseum *currently* / *current* has no floor. Archaeologists removed the *originated* / *original* floor in the 19th Century to *expose* / *suppose* the structure's network of underground *tunnel* / *tunnels*. Mr Franceschini said the new floor would be "extraordinary" and would allow visitors to see "the *majesty* / *majestic* of the Colosseum" from its centre. He added: "It's *others* / *another* step forward toward rebuilding the arena. It is an ambitious project that will *aid* / *placate* the conservation of the archaeological *scriptures* / *structures* while getting back to the original image of the Colosseum."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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italys culture minister dario franceschini announced the hightech project and said it would open to the public by 2023 it is projected to cost around 185 million euro or 222 million the colosseum currently has no floor Archaeologists removed the original floor in the 19th century to expose the structures network of underground tunnels mr franceschini said the new floor would be extraordinary and would allow visitors to see the majesty of the colosseum from its centre he added its another step forward toward rebuilding the arena it is an ambitious project that will aid the conservation of the archaeological structures while getting back to the original image of the colosseum

# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ROME'S COLOSSEUM:** Make a poster about Rome's Colosseum. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PRESERVATION:** Write a magazine article about spending more money on preserving archaeological sites. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on Rome's Colosseum. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas to raise its profile. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a    2. c    3. e    4. f    5. d    6. b    7. g  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. e	3. e	4. i	5. c
6. a	7. d	8. g	9. h	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The green light
2. The New Seven Wonders of the World
3. 80 AD
4. Gladiators
5. Wild animals
6. By 2023
7. In the 19th Century
8. 18.5 million euro (\$22.2 million)
9. Extraordinary
10. Its original image

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Italy's government has given the green light.
2. It's one of the world's most iconic sites.
3. Plans see the monument fitted with a floor.
4. Where Roman gladiators once fought for their lives.
5. Fighting to the death with swords against gladiators.
6. It would open to the public by 2023.
7. It is projected to cost around 18.5 million euro.
8. Archaeologists removed the original floor in the 19th Century.
9. Expose the structure's network of underground tunnels.
10. It's another step forward toward rebuilding the arena.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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