

Think Freely

What do you know about the Great Wall of China?

9 The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China was built more than 20 **centuries** ago by many different Chinese kings. It was built to **avoid** people from the **north** coming into China and getting its land. They had no building **machines** at that time, so everything was built by people. They used their hands to move and put all the rocks and sand together with rope and **wood**.

The Great Wall is 21,196 km long. It is about 4 to 5 **meters thick** and 6 to 7 meters tall at some parts. It is

the longest thing people have ever built. But many parts of the wall are already **broken** or cannot be seen anymore. Today, only some parts of it are kept well for people to see.

Each year, millions of people from all over the world go to China to see the Great Wall. It is very famous because it is so big and also because it helps us **remember** the **past**.

10 Key Words

century
avoid
north
machine
wood
meter
thick
broken
remember
past

Listen and write.

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Fun Fact!

It is said that astronauts can see the Great Wall of China from the Moon with the naked eye. It's not true.



Comprehension Zone



Choose the best answers.

Main Idea

- What does the passage mainly talk about?
 - The Chinese kings who built the Great Wall
 - The building machines in the past
 - The longest wall on this planet

Details

- The Great Wall was built more than _____ centuries ago.
 - 4 to 5
 - 6 to 7
 - 20
- The Great Wall was built by _____.
 - hand
 - machines
 - animals
- The Great Wall is _____ km long.
 - 21,916
 - 21,196
 - 21,169
- The Great Wall helps people remember the _____.
 - kings
 - world
 - past

Inference

- What can be inferred from the passage?
 - China still uses the Great Wall to keep its people safe now.
 - The Great Wall is now a place for people to visit.
 - People today can go to every part of the Great Wall.

Word Link



Write the correct word for each sentence.

meters	thick	century	past	avoid
north	remember	wood	broken	machine

- We are now living in the 21st _____.
- I want to buy a new watch because my old one is _____.

- I can't _____ your phone number. Can you tell me again?
- Some birds fly from the _____ to warmer places for winter.
- Mom often tells me to _____ talking to people I don't know.
- Dad has a coffee _____. He uses it to make coffee every morning.
- Grandpa put more _____ in the fire to make it bigger.
- Things in the _____ were very different from now.
- It's very cold outside. You should wear that _____ coat.
- My house is five hundred _____ from the school.

21st Century Kids



Show and tell.

Two thousand years ago, people didn't have machines. Draw two important machines we use today. Then, tell the class why you chose them.