Hello students of class 10a,

We can't have our English lessons on Tuesday because of the "Kompetenztest Englisch", that I have to do in class 8.

So, I'd like you to work on the following "reading corner". Please, *print the* worksheets, do all the tasks and bring them to school on Wednesday (28th February)!!!

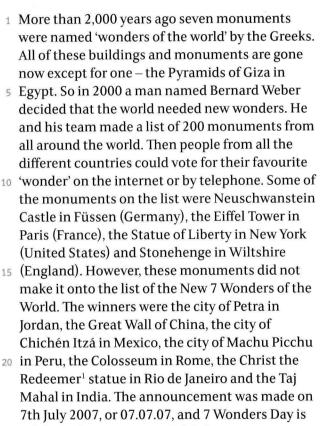
See you,

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Wonders of our world



Pyramids of Giza





Christ the Redeemer statue

25 These monuments have a number of things in common. They were all built by people, they are in good condition, they are respected because of their architecture and beauty, they are known all over the world and they celebrate different 30 cultures. Because the internet does not work very well in some areas, not everybody around the world had the same chance to vote and so some people were critical of the project. One of the monuments that was voted onto the the monuments on the list were Neuschwanstein 35 list is the Taj Mahal in India. It was built between 1632 and 1648 by the emperor² Shah Jahan for his favourite princess, Mumtaz Mahal, who had died the year before. The building was a present to her and a symbol of his love. Her body was brought to 40 the Taj Mahal later and her husband's body was also brought there when he died in 1666. When most people think of the Taj Mahal, they think of the big white building where the two bodies are kept. All of the building is made of 45 white marble3 with colourful stones, gold, floral4 designs and writing. It is called a jewel of Muslim art. The size of the building also impress visitors.



In the middle it is 115 metres high. If the Taj Mahal were built today, it would cost 827 million US building. There are beautiful gardens and building. There are beautiful gardens and peaceful pools around it and at one end there is a guest house made with red bricks⁶. The Taj Mahal is a religious place too. There is a mosque⁷ also



The Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal is more than just the main white building. There are beautiful gardens and guest house made with red bricks6. The Taj Mahal is a religious place too. There is a mosque⁷ also built of red bricks and the main building has four towers. But the Taj Mahal is more than just 60 buildings and gardens and it wouldn't be a wonder of the world if it didn't also have magic and mystery. The 6 million visitors every year shouldn't just see the Taj Mahal - or any of the other wonders; they should feel it. They should 65 discover it as a real place of beauty and love. After they visit, it should be connected to their own lives. They should leave a little part of themselves at the monument and carry part of the Taj Mahal in their soul when they leave. And it doesn't matter if you are Muslim, Christian, Buddhist,

Sikh or any other religion. Places of wonder draw attention to what we have in common. That's why the old wonders named by the Greeks and the

new wonders named by us are so important.

1 redeemer [rt'di:mə] – *Erlöser*, 2 emperor ['empərə] – *Kaiser*, 3 marble ['ma:bl] – *Marmor*, 4 floral ['flɔ:rəl] – *Blumen* ..., 5 material [mə'tɪəriəl] – *Material*, 6 brick [brɪk] – *Backstein*, 7 mosque [mɒsk] – *Moschee*

ullet **1** Complete the map on page 39. o \odot

- 1. Label the New 7 Wonders of the World on the map.
- 2. Can you find the location of other monuments from the list that didn't win? Mark them on the map.
- 3. Put a red circle around the ones you have heard of before. If you have visited any of them, put a blue circle around them.

\bullet 2 Match the numbers with the information. $\rightarrow \bigcirc \odot$

- 1. 2000
- A This is the year in which the Taj Mahal was finished.
- 2. 200
- B This is the number of monuments on Bernard Weber's list.
- 3. 7th July
- C This is how many millions of US dollars the Taj Mahal would cost today.
- 4. 1648
- D This is the year Bernard Weber started his new 7 wonders project.

5. 115

E This is the date of 7 Wonders Day.

6. 827

F This number says how many metres high the Taj Mahal is in the middle.

3 Make sentences about the text.

1. Greeks choose seven monuments

2. Bernard Weber and his team

3. all new monuments

4. every year on 7 July

5. most famous part

7 Wonders Day

make list of 200 monuments

F of the Taj Mahal

in good condition

call wonders of the world

celebrate different cultures

2,000 years ago

celebrate

people can vote

big white building

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1.	The Greeks chose seven monuments and called them wonders of the world 2,000
	years ago.
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• 4 Skimming the text.

- 1. Skim each part of the text.
- 2. Underline important words and ideas.
- 3. Write a headline for each part of the text.
- 4. What's each part of the text about? Sum it up in one sentence.

Skim the text: Überfliege den Text. Erfasse das Wesentliche.

Scan the text: Suche gezielt nach Informationen im Text.

5 Scan the text and answer these questions.

1.	Whose idea was the com	petition for the new seve	en wonders? It	was Bernard	Weber's idea.

2. Who was allowed to vote? _____

3. Why were some people critical of the competition? ______

4. Which monument was built by an emperor? ____

5. Where are the bodies kept at the Taj Mahal? _____

6. How many animals helped build this monument?

7. What do places of wonder do for us?