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# I Louvre Museums

## UNIT 01

Theme: Museums  
Genre: Nonfiction  
Reading Skill: Categorizing  
Information

Museums are the best places to visit. You will be impressed by the beautiful architecture and great artwork.



🗨️ **Talk about the picture above.**

1. Where are the people visiting?
2. What impresses you at the museum?



# I Louvre Museums

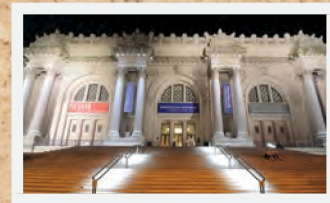


Hi, I'm Terry. I help people plan vacations! Are you going on a vacation soon? There are **neat** places everywhere. I'm used to traveling to learn about different cultures. Museums are the best places to go! Can I **suggest** some places for you to visit?



I  
**Louvre  
Paris!**

Have you ever been to Paris? One of the world's largest and busiest museums is there. It is called the Musée du Louvre. It used to be a **palace**, but was made into a museum in 1793. Do you know what famous painting they have there? That's right! Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Mona Lisa is there. You can also see the famous Venus de Milo statue and Louis XIV painting!



▲ The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located in New York City. It is the largest and the most visited art museum in the United States. Its collection includes more than two million works of art.

**neat** *adj.*

interesting, fun, or cool

**suggest** *v.*

to say something you wish others to do

**palace** *n.*

a large, fancy building that royal people live in

**well-known** *adj.*

famous; something many people know about



## Make Room for Rome

Don't forget about Rome! The Vatican Museums in Rome have many beautiful paintings. Have you ever heard of Raphael or Michelangelo? They are **well-known** artists. Raphael helped decorate a church called the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo helped paint its **ceiling** from 1508 to 1512! The chapel is amazing! You should go see it someday!



## Large in London

Another great place to go is the British Museum. It opened in 1753 and is a museum of human history and culture. The museum is used to **display** some of the largest **collections** in the world! It has a lot of great things to look at, but I like the **mummies** the best!

Which place would you like to visit? I hope you can visit one of these museums when you go on a vacation.

**ceiling** *n.*  
the top, inside part of a room

**collection** *n.*  
a group of things collected together

**display** *v.*  
to show something so it can be seen easily

**mummy** *n.*  
a dead body made to last for centuries



## Vocabulary Check Up

**A. Meaning** Write the correct words from the box, using the given meanings as clues.

1. \_\_\_\_\_: a group of things collected together
2. \_\_\_\_\_: the top, inside part of a room
3. \_\_\_\_\_: to show something so it can be seen easily
4. \_\_\_\_\_: a large, fancy building that royal people live in

palace  
ceiling  
well-known  
display  
collection

**B. Usage** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. It's a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ idea to invite new friends to your birthday party.  
a. innocent                      b. neat                      c. handy
2. Emily \_\_\_\_\_ an Italian restaurant for our dinner party.  
a. argued                      b. attracted                      c. suggested
3. I was scared to see the ancient Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ in the coffin.  
a. mummy                      b. tool                      c. souvenir
4. Jay is a \_\_\_\_\_ movie star.  
a. well-known                      b. artificial                      c. unexpected

**C. Focus: be used to -ing/be used to v.** Circle the correct words.

- I'm **used to traveling** to learn about different cultures.
- The museum **is used to display** some of the largest collections in the world!

1. Tom is used (to go / to going) to school on his bike.
2. The bike is used (to go / to going) to school.

## Comprehension Check Up

### A. Main Idea Choose the main idea of the passage.

- a. Terry's best vacation ever
- b. How to choose a vacation place
- c. Some famous museums suggested by Terry

### B. Finding the Facts Check T(True) or F(False).

**T**     **F**

- 1. Terry helps people decide where to go on vacations.
- 2. Raphael decorated the Sistine Chapel.
- 3. The British Museum displays some of the largest collections in the world.

### C. Understanding of the Passage Choose the correct answers.

- 1. What is NOT true about the Musée du Louvre?
  - a. It is located in Paris.
  - b. It was a place of worship.
  - c. It is one of the world's largest museums.
- 2. What can be seen in the Musée du Louvre?
  - a. the Sistine Chapel
  - b. the Venus de Milo statue
  - c. the mummies
- 3. What did Raphael and Michelangelo have in common?
  - a. They both were priests.
  - b. They both were from Paris.
  - c. They both worked on the Sistine Chapel.
- 4. What are the exhibitions in the British Museum about?
  - a. objects in space
  - b. modern technology
  - c. human history and culture

### D. Inference What can be inferred from the passage?

- a. The Sistine Chapel is included in the Vatican Museums.
- b. The British Museum opened in the 17th century.
- c. The Louvre Museum was built to house all the art exhibitions.

# Sum Up

**Step 1. Categorizing Information** What did you learn about the museums? Choose the correct answer for each blank.

	_____	The Vatican Museums	The British Museum
Where it is	Paris	_____	London
When it opened	In 1793	After 1512	In 1753
What it is famous for	Leonardo da Vinci's painting of _____	_____ on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel	The display of the largest _____
What else about it	It used to be a palace.	The chapel there is amazing.	It's a museum of human _____.

- a. Rome
- b. collections like mummies
- c. history and culture
- d. The Musée du Louvre
- e. Michelangelo's painting
- f. the Mona Lisa

**Step 2. Summarizing** Complete the summary with the words in step 1. Change each form if necessary.

There are many neat places to visit everywhere, but museums are the best. First, the Musée du Louvre is in \_\_\_\_\_. It used to be a \_\_\_\_\_. Leonardo da Vinci's painting, the \_\_\_\_\_, is there. Secondly, the \_\_\_\_\_ Museums are in Rome. They are well known for Michelangelo's painting on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sistine Chapel. Lastly, the British Museum is in London. It's used to \_\_\_\_\_ the largest \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_! Which place would you like to visit?

Free to Talk  
 🗣️ What have you seen in the museums you've visited? 🗣️

# All in a Day's Work

## UNIT 02

Theme: Museums  
Genre: Fiction  
Reading Skill: Sequence

The world's famous museums are always crowded with a lot of visitors. So, there are some rules and guards to keep the artwork safe.



🗨️ **Talk about the picture above.**

1. Where do you think it is?
2. What do you think the three men in front of the visitors do?