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British Museum has most successful year

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THE READING

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The British Museum had its best year ever in 2013. It had more than 6.7 million visitors. Over a million more people visited last year than in 2012. The big attractions were the exhibitions Life and Death in Pompeii, and Herculaneum. The museum director was happy that many people came. He said many things happened last year. The Internet helped more people to visit. The director said it was a great museum that belonged to the world.

The British Museum has about 13 million exhibits of human history and culture. They are from all over the world. Some countries, like Greece, Egypt and China, want their things back. The British took them hundreds of years ago. The museum first opened in 1759. About 75 people a day visited it. There were 71,000 things, including 40,000 books and stuffed animals. There were also very old things from Egypt, Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/news/british-museum-enjoys-its-most-successful-year-ever-9059851.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2014/jan/14/british-museum-record-visitor-numbers>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Museum

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. its best year | a. last year |
| 2. more than 6.7 million | b. people to visit |
| 3. Over a | c. were the exhibitions |
| 4. The big attractions | d. ever |
| 5. happy that many | e. belonged to the world |
| 6. many things happened | f. million more people |
| 7. The Internet helped more | g. visitors |
| 8. a great museum that | h. people came |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The British Museum has | a. culture |
| 2. human history and | b. opened in 1759 |
| 3. They are from | c. their things back |
| 4. Egypt and China want | d. from Egypt |
| 5. The British took them hundreds | e. about 13 million exhibits |
| 6. The museum first | f. of years ago |
| 7. About 75 people a | g. all over the world |
| 8. very old things | h. day visited it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The British Museum had (1) _____ in 2013. It had more than 6.7 million visitors. (2) _____ people visited last year than in 2012. The (3) _____ the exhibitions Life and Death in Pompeii, and Herculaneum. The museum (4) _____ that many people came. He said many things (5) _____. The Internet helped more people to visit. The director said it was a great museum that (6) _____.

The British Museum has about 13 (7) _____ human history and culture. They (8) _____ the world. Some countries, like Greece, Egypt and China, want their things back. The British took them (9) _____ ago. The museum (10) _____ 1759. About 75 people a day visited it. There were 71,000 things, including 40,000 books (11) _____. There were also very (12) _____, Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
