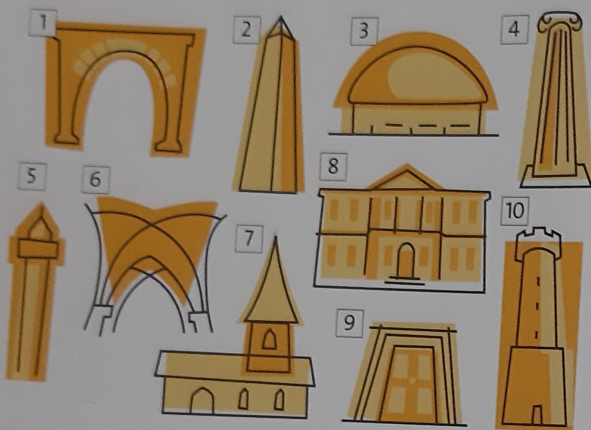


## Vocabulary

### Architectural features

- 1 Match the pictures of architectural features with the glossary of terms.



### Glossary

**arch** curved structure with straight sides, often supporting a bridge or the roof of a large building

**column** tall, solid vertical post made of stone, supporting or decorating a building or standing alone

**dome** round roof on a building

**façade** the front wall of a large building that you see from the outside

**minaret** tall, thin tower, usually forming part of a mosque

**obelisk** a tall pointed stone column with four sides, put up in memory of a person or an event

**portal** a large impressive door or entrance

**spire** tall, pointed tower on the top of a church

**tower** tall, narrow building, or part of a building, either square or round

**vaulted ceiling** decorated roof made from a series of arches joined together

- 4 Add one of these words to the word groups listed below.

construct	granite	statue
long	show	alongside

- 1 high, wide, thick, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 underneath, in front of, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 depict, represent, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 build, erect, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 marble, stone, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 carving, sculpture, \_\_\_\_\_

## Reading

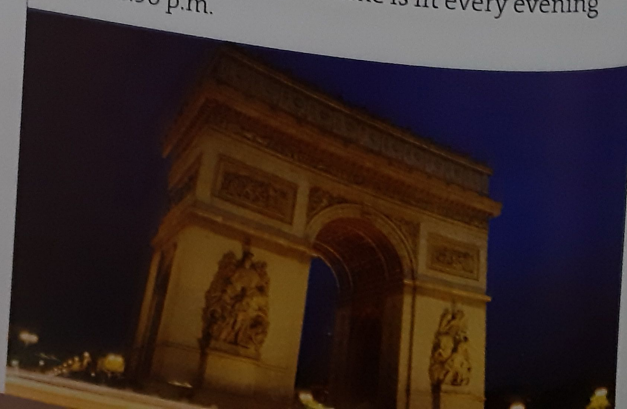
### Two top Paris attractions

Read the descriptions of two famous buildings in Paris. Each description has four sections. Which section

- 1 describes the use and function of the building?
- 2 describes when and why it was built?
- 3 gives some detailed description?
- 4 gives a general physical description?

#### Arc de Triomphe

- a The Arc de Triomphe was erected in the early 19th century as a tribute to the French army of Napoleon. It is built of marble.
- b The arch is over 50 metres high, 45 metres wide, and 22 metres thick.
- c There are four sculptures carved on the façade. The most famous is *La Marseillaise*. It depicts the departure of the volunteers encouraged by a winged figure representing France.
- d The arch is used for special processions. Underneath the arch is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A flame is lit every evening at 6.30 p.m.



- 2 In which type of building would you find them (e.g. cathedral, mosque)?
- 3 Can you think of any famous buildings that have these features?