

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

# Time to Talk

Lesson 30 The Sydney Opera House



## Warm-up questions.



**Name:** The Sydney Opera House

**Location:** on the shore of Sydney Harbour, Australia

**Height:** 67 m

**Length:** 187 m

**Width:** 115 m

1. What does the building look like?

2. What do you know about this building?

## Read and learn.

# The Sydney Opera House

Unlike the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower, the Sydney Opera House is a building of the 20th century. It was built between 1959 and 1973.

The building looks like the **sails** of a boat. These sails are made of **concrete** and are covered with white and yellow **tiles**. Some of the walls of the building are made of special glass from France.

sail



tiles



concrete



a very hard building material made by mixing cement , sand, small stones and water

## Read and learn.

Inside the building, there are 7 different **venues**. The Concert Hall is the largest one with over 2500 seats. It also has the largest **organ** in the world.

The building was designed by an architect from Denmark, Jorn Utzon. He won a competition to design the opera house in 1957. His design **beat** 232 competitors and won him £5000.

The work started in 1959. It took almost 15 years, 10,000 workers and \$102 million to complete the building. It finally opened on 20th October, 1973.



### **venue**

a place where people meet for an organized event



### **organ**

a large musical instrument with keys like a piano



### **beat**

to win against; defeat



## Read and learn.

Many events take place here, including operas, concerts, shows and meetings. If you don't want to see a concert, you can go on a tour of the building. You can also go on a boat trip around the harbour to see the building.

The Sydney Opera House is considered the greatest work of **architecture** of the 20th century.



### **architecture**

the design or style of a building or buildings

## Match the words to their meanings.



sail

tiles

concrete

venue

beat

architecture

1. a place where people meet for an organized event
2. a very hard building material made by mixing together cement , sand, small stones, and water
3. a large piece of cloth in a boat
4. to win against; defeat
5. a flat piece of hard material used to cover floors, walls, or roofs
6. the design or style of a building or buildings

## Grammar

## unlike...

not similar or equal; different from

## Examples

- Unlike the Statue of Liberty, the Sydney Opera House is a building of the 20th century.
- Unlike Mary, I love to swim.
- The country mouse and the town mouse were unlike in many ways.



Make your own sentences using “unlike”.

1. Unlike \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer the questions.

1. What does the Sydney Opera House look like?



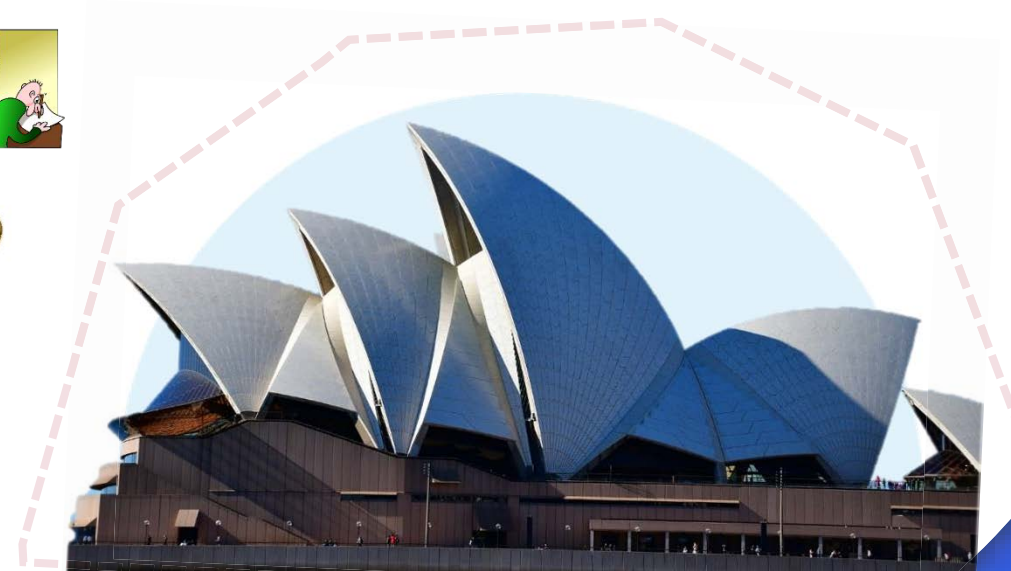
2. What can we see inside the building ?



3. Who designed the building?



4. What do people think of the building?





**Talk more.**

Which building has the best architectural design? Why?

