

# The Emirates Palace

## Level

Elementary / pre-intermediate

## Tasks

Practising saying numbers

Completing a chart of statistics and checking the answers by scanning an article

Finding words in the article from their definitions

Completing a short travel questionnaire and discussing the answers

## How to use the lesson

- 1 Find out if any student has visited the Middle East. If so, ask about their experiences. Which countries did they visit? Tell students that this lesson will look at a new hotel in the United Arab Emirates. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to read out the figures. Check they understand the concept of square metres.
- 2 Check students know what an 'arch' is (draw one on the board). Ask students to complete the statistics chart by using some of the figures in exercise 1. They should then scan the article to check their answers.

### Answers

(a) £2 billion (b) £8,000 (c) 2,600 (d) 40 metres (e) 175 metres (f) 1 million square metres

- 3 Students read whole article. Ask questions about their reactions such as: Was it a good idea to build such an expensive hotel? Would they like to stay there?
- 4 Ask students to find words in the article from the definitions given.

### Answers

(a) estimate (b) statistics (c) state-of-the-art (d) landmark (e) can afford (f) profit

- 5 Ask students to complete the mini questionnaire. Encourage them to make notes on the reasons for their answers, e.g. good service / facilities etc. In small groups, students compare their answers and explain the reasons for their choices. Hold a whole class feedback session in order to find the most interesting or unusual example of each question from each group. Give language feedback.

## Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

[http://www.abu-dhabi.letsgo2.com/hotels/emirates\\_palace/intro.php?source=google](http://www.abu-dhabi.letsgo2.com/hotels/emirates_palace/intro.php?source=google)

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,10291-1504783,00.html>

[http://hospitalityguild.com/Guide/Hotels/Worlds\\_Most\\_Expensive\\_Hotels.htm](http://hospitalityguild.com/Guide/Hotels/Worlds_Most_Expensive_Hotels.htm)

<http://www.worldpress.org/Americas/1920.cfm>