

Lesson 59

It's an eyesore.

Target: Having a conversation about architecture.

Vocabulary

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Architecture



Related vocabulary

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| - a monument to human ingenuity | - texture | - to be harmonious |
| - the juxtaposition of (A) and (B) | - framework | - to be influenced by... |
| - elements of the design | - arrangement | - a surface |
| - to merge... / to combine... | - balance | - to be magnificent |
| - the balance of... | - symmetry | - a masterpiece |
| - to withstand the test of time | - composition | - an eyesore |
| - architectural stylings | - a concept | - a column |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- Are there any buildings that you think are eyesores?
- How does architecture differ in different countries?
- What elements of the Sky Tree's design do you like / dislike?
- Are there any buildings that you wish they would tear down?
- What are: columns, beams, domes, skylights and cornices?
- What are some great examples of architecture that you know?
- What buildings do you appreciate the architectural stylings of?
- What are some monuments to human ingenuity?
- Who is your favorite architect? What famous architects do you know?
- How important do you think symmetry / uniformity / composition is?

Partner #2: Questions

- What are some buildings that have really distinguishing characteristics?
- What are some things that have influenced architecture throughout the ages?
- How does modern-day architecture differ from architecture from 100 years ago?
- What are some different building materials that are commonly found in different structures?
- Are there any buildings that have been able to merge Eastern & Western designs?
- What do you think the words: folly, piloti, fenestration, curvilinear, articulation and biomimicry mean?
- What's your opinion of the following structures: Sydney Opera House, The Burj Khalifa, The DC Capitol Building, Angkor Wat, The Brooklyn Bridge, The Fuji Broadcasting Center, The Guggenheim Museum?
- Do you enjoy looking at the juxtaposition of temples and skyscrapers in Tokyo?
- What are some buildings / structures that have withstood the test of time?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role play:** Partner #1 & 2: Go to www.google.com and search for "great architectural examples" then go through some of the sites and discuss the different designs with your partner.
- Speech:** Compare different famous buildings around the world from an architectural standpoint.
- Speech:** You are a famous architect. Describe the new building you have designed.
- Debate:** You think modern architecture is the best, your partner thinks ancient architecture is better.