

Big Ben is one of London's most famous landmarks. It is situated in England, in the north end of the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, Central London. Big Ben is actually the name of the huge bell, but most people use it to refer to the clock and the tower as well.

However, Big Ben is considered as the world's largest chiming clock with four faces. The big Ben is 96 meters high and weighs 13.5 tons. It was designed by **Augustus Pugin** and built between 1843 and 1858.

The bell chimes have been famous for over 150 years. In the past, it was too difficult to remove the bell and repair it. Nowadays, specialist teams carry out regular adjustments to the Great Clock in order to ensure that the UK's most famous clock continues to work and keeps time.



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Part One

A/ Reading Comprehension I read the text then answer the following tasks:

Activity one Read the text carefully then fill the following chart.(3pts)

Name	Location	Designer	Height	Weight	Date

Activity two: I read the text then answer the following questions (02pts)

- 1- Is the Big Ben the largest chiming bell in the world?
- 2- When was it built ?

Activity three (3pts)

a) I find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

Giant = ...

Located = ...

b) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following:

The smallest $\neq$

Destroyed $\neq$

B/ Mastery of Language

Activity One: I spot the mistakes and correct : (03 pts)

the Great Wall of china is a famos monument it were built by Qin Shihang

Activity two: I turn the following sentences into the passive form: (02pts)

a _Last year, tourists visited Eiffel tower .→.....

b _Steven Sauvestre designed Eiffel tower. →.....

Activity three I classify these words in the table according to their pronunciation: (2pts)

Cry - May - Play - High

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Part Two Situation of Integration (6pts)

There are a lot of famous landmarks all over the world. **Taj Mahal** is one of them. Write a **paragraph** about its description using the following notes:

Name: Taj Mahal

Location: Agra, India

Height : 50 meters.

Builder :Shah Jahan

Monument type: Touristic

Date : 1631 – 1653)

Designed by : Ustad Ahmad Lahour

