

B2.II

Unit 5

Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Be ready to explain the change you have made.

<p><b>The (1) _____ Tower of Pisa</b></p> <p>Humans make mistakes. One mistake made in the 11th century resulted in a 14,500 ton leaning tower. This (2) _____ would later become a symbol of civic pride, but tell that to the man who designed it!</p> <p>The Leaning Tower of Pisa is different from most medieval (3) _____. The Leaning Tower is the third (4) _____ building on Pisa's Piazza del Duomo. Utilizing many columns and arches, this tower represents an advanced understanding of weight and load characteristics, showing the Italian architects' (5) _____. The construction of the Tower of Pisa began on August 9, 1173. (6) _____ designed to be a bell tower, the tower actually stood upright for over 5 years, but just after the (7) _____ of the third floor (1178), it began to lean.</p> <p>The foundation of the tower was built on a dense clay mixture and impacted the soil. As it turned out, the clay was not (8) _____ as strong as required to hold the tower upright.</p> <p>After this, construction halted for 100 years. The (9) _____ hoped that the soil would settle, giving it enough (10) _____ to hold the weight of the tower. The construction was stopped and did not resume for many years, until 1372 when the bell chamber was added and the tower was left alone.</p> <p>In 1964, a team of engineers and (11) _____ came together in the Azores to discuss the problem. As a temporary measure, a leaden counterweight was installed. In 1987, the Leaning Tower of Pisa was declared a Unesco World Heritage Site. In 1990, the Leaning Tower was closed, the bells were removed and the tower was anchored. (12) _____ in 2001 for tourists, the leaning tower of Pisa is finally sturdy and safe.</p>	<p><b>LEAN</b></p> <p><b>CALCULATE</b></p> <p><b>ARCHITECT</b></p> <p><b>OLD</b></p> <p><b>KNOW</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN</b></p> <p><b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p><b>NEAR</b></p> <p><b>GOVERN</b></p> <p><b>STRONG</b></p> <p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p><b>OPEN</b></p>
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## Exercise 2

**State Verbs. Say whether the following sentences are CORRECT or INCORRECT. IF they are INCORRECT, write the correct sentence.**

- 1) I am thinking about your suggestion.
- 2) I am having a great time at the game.
- 3) I believe you are right.
- 4) I am tasting the soup to make sure it tastes good.
- 5) She is disliking the movie.
- 6) She appears nervous.
- 7) She is running extremely fast.
- 8) I am loving chocolate.
- 9) He owns a beautiful sports car.
- 10) They are measuring the distance between the two poles.
- 11) He is playing football with all his buddies.
- 12) She thinks he is right.
- 13) The baby is weighing 3 kilos.
- 14) They are watching TV while having dinner.
- 15) He is seeming tired today.
- 16) I am knowing the answer.
- 17) She is belonging to the club.
- 18) I am hating this hot weather.
- 19) She wants a new smartphone.
- 20) They are knowing the rules.

## Exercise 3

You are keen to study English in London. Read the school advertisement and the notes from your teacher. Then write an email to Mr Williams at the Big Ben Language School asking for details.

### **Language courses in London at the Big Ben School of English**

Our well-equipped school offers English language courses in the heart of London.

The school has a friendly atmosphere and organises a full range of sporting and social activities as well as excursions out of London.

The school is conveniently located near the museums and the river. Accommodation can be arranged with carefully selected British families.

Contact Jim Williams by email ([jw@bigbenschool.org.uk](mailto:jw@bigbenschool.org.uk)) for further details.

When you write to the school make sure you find out:

- how many students there will be in the school and in each class
- what qualifications the teachers have
- what resources the school has
- what is included in the price
- what amenities there are in the area