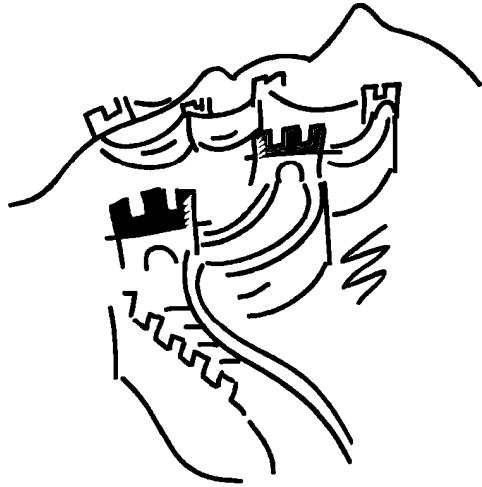


Great Wall of China

A. Reading

The Great Wall of China is the largest man-made structure in the world. It is over 4,000 miles long. The base is about 19 feet wide, and the top is about 16 feet wide. The height of the wall varies, but many parts are from 16 to 26 feet high. The Great Wall of China is made from earth, stone, and bricks. There are many towers spaced along the structure. Soldiers were stationed in the towers to keep invaders and wandering tribes out. The Chinese government started allowing tourists to visit the Great Wall of China in the 1970s. Now, millions of tourists visit this landmark each year. They like to walk along its path and take photos. During the 2008 Summer Olympics even more people will visit this famous Chinese landmark.



B. True or False

1. _____ Tourists can walk along the Great Wall of China.
2. _____ It is the largest man-made structure in the world.
3. _____ Glass, stones, and bricks were used to make this landmark.
4. _____ Chinese soldiers were stationed in the towers.
5. _____ It was built to keep the cattle from wandering away.

C. Writing – Why does the Chinese government allow visitors to walk on the Great Wall of China and take photos?

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