



1. steel [sti:əl]
2. gable ['geɪbəl]
3. balcony ['bælkəni]
4. brickwork
['brɪkwɜ:k]
5. pitched roof
[,pɪtʃt 'ru:f]
6. flat roof
[,flæt 'ru:f]
7. facade [fə'sɑ:d]
8. dormer ['dɔ:mə]
9. flying buttress
[,flaɪɪŋ 'bʌtrəs]
10. stonework
['stəʊnwɜ:k]
11. dome [dəʊm]
12. pillar ['pɪlə]
13. bay window
[,beɪ 'wɪndəʊ]
14. archway
['ɑ:tʃweɪ]
15. tower ['taʊə]
16. spire ['spaɪə]
17. concrete
['kɒŋkri:t]
18. skylight ['skaɪlaɪt]

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VOCABULARY

Buildings and architecture

Our Society feature on pages 14–20 looks at British architecture and design. Here, ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language to talk about this topic.

MEDIUM PLUS

A guided walk

...And now we come to one of our most **iconic landmarks**: the town hall. It was built in the **neo-Gothic style** so popular in 19th-century England. As you can see, it uses **features** from **late medieval architecture**, such as **pointed arches** supported by long, thin **pillars** and tall, narrow **stained-glass windows**. The **clock tower** looks a little like Big Ben, but its **design** is much more **elaborate**. It is 85 metres high and is **flanked** by four little **turrets**. Notice the **statues** along the **facade**: they represent important figures from our city's history.

No fewer than 14 million **bricks** were required to build the walls. The building has six **storeys**, two **grand staircases** and three **spiral staircases**. When we go inside, you'll notice the **rib-vault ceiling** in the **entrance hall**, **reminiscent** of Gothic **cathedral architecture**. Be sure to admire the beautiful **mosaic floors**, **decorated** with flowers, birds and bees, and the **Pre-Raphaelite murals**, **depicting** scenes from the Arthurian legends.

The town hall is a **listed building**. Some of the **plasterwork** is beginning to **crumble away** and a number of **roof tiles** need replacing, so it will be closed next year for **refurbishment**.

PRACTICE

Now, try the following exercises to practise talking about buildings and architecture.



Exercise 1

E

Complete the phrases below with a suitable adjective from the list.

iconic | pitched | pointed | rib-vault | spiral | stained-glass

A. a(n) _____ staircase

B. a(n) _____ landmark

C. a(n) _____ roof

D. a(n) _____ arch

E. a(n) _____ window

F. a(n) _____ ceiling

Exercise 2

M

Odd one out: Cross out one word in each line that does not match the others.

A. brick | concrete | gable | steel

B. ceiling | facade | floor | staircase

C. balcony | bay window | dormer | skylight

D. building | buttress | dome | pillar

The levels of a building

Note the different terms in British and American English:

- What British English speakers refer to as the **ground floor** is usually called the **first floor** in American English, whereas the **first floor** in Britain is the **second floor** in the US.
- To refer to the levels of a building, the word **storey** (plural: **storeys**) is often used instead of "floor". The US spelling is **story** (plural: **stories**).



Exercise 3

A

Complete the definitions with adjectives and verbs from the opposite page. The first letters are given.

A. If something is **r**_____, of a particular style, it reminds you of that style.

B. If a building is **l**_____, it is of historical interest and therefore protected.

C. If a design is **e**_____, it has a lot of details that all fit together.

D. If something is **d**_____, it is shown in a picture.

E. If a structure is **f**_____ by something, it has something on both sides of it.

F. If something is beginning to **c**_____ away, parts of it are starting to break off.

Answers

- A. a spiral staircase
B. an iconic landmark
C. a pitched roof
D. a pointed arch
E. a stained-glass window
F. a rib-vault ceiling
- A. gable (the other three are building materials)
B. facade (the other three are inside a building)
C. balcony (the other three are types of window)
D. building (the other three are architectural features)
- A. reminiscent
B. listed
C. elaborate
D. depicted
E. flanked
F. crumble