

World 14: Colosseum (Italy)



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Exercise 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions (Vocabulário e Expressões)

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Orientação: Ouça e repita.

Vocabulary and Expressions	Example
gladiatorial (de gladiadores)	The Colosseum was known for its gladiatorial fights.
amphitheater (anfiteatro)	The lecture is in the amphitheater . Hurry up, you'll be late!
spectator (espectador)	The spectators at the soccer match enjoyed a great game.
gruesome (horrível/monstruoso)	This horror movie is gruesome . I don't know why I decided to watch it.
mock (fazer piada/tirar sarro)	Stop mocking me. I will tell mom and she'll ground you.
naval (naval)	I want to go to a naval academy and become a ship captain.
reenactment (encenação)	Americans do Civil War reenactments every year.
based on (baseado em)	This movie is based on a true story.
diverse (diverso/com diversidade)	America is a diverse country with many nationalities living in it.
ravages of time (estragos do tempo)	This house was affected by the ravages of time and it's hard to repair it.

Exercise 2 | Dialogue (Diálogo)

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Orientação: Leia o diálogo em voz alta com seu professor.

*Alexei is in Rome on a business trip and, as he had some free time, he decided to walk around the capital.
His Italian co-worker, Ezio, came along to show him around*

Alexei : Rome is a very beautiful city, rich in history, and with amazing architecture. But tell me, Ezio, how do Romans have fun? (chuckle)

Ezio : Well Alexei, we love sitting in cafes and drinking espresso during the day, and during the night we have bars, night clubs, cinemas, and festivals that we like to go to.

Alexei : It's a lot different from the ancient times. It's great that we are passing by the Colosseum. I've heard that this was the place where all the major events happened, and that the ancient Romans enjoyed Festivals and games that could last up to 100 days, is that right?

Ezio : That's correct. The most popular games were **gladiatorial** fights. The Colosseum, being the largest **amphitheater** ever built, could accommodate around 50.000 **spectators** that were being fed during these events, so a lot of people loved to come here.

Alexei : Entertainment and free food. I'd go there, too. However, on second thought, gladiatorial fights and fights with animals were quite **gruesome**. I've heard many people and animals were killed.

Ezio : Yes, but there were other forms of entertainment as well. Ancient Romans would flood the Colosseum and organize **mock** ship **naval** battles, organize the **reenactments** of famous battles, and act out dramas **based on** Classical mythology. The entertainment was quite **diverse**.

Alexei : It sure was. I didn't know about that. It is a real shame, though, that the earthquakes destroyed it, but I suppose it has more historical value this way, when you can clearly see the **ravages of time**.

Ezio : I suppose you're right. I live here, so I don't notice it much. Anyway, what do you say we entertain ourselves the new-fashioned way, with a shot of espresso in my favorite café?

Exercise 3 | Filling in the Blanks (Preenchendo os espaços em branco)

Directions: Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

Orientação: Preencha os espaços em branco abaixo para completar as frases.

1. The stadium was packed with more than 50.000 _____ watching the final match.
2. The police did a crime scene _____ to try and figure out what had happened.
3. Don't get stressed out. You know he likes to _____ people for his own amusement.
4. The XVIII century is known for many _____ battles that happened in the Atlantic Ocean.
5. They are a _____ group of people specialized in different spheres of activity.
6. The castle was affected by the _____, but the persistent builders restored it.
7. _____ fights were one of the main means of entertainment in the ancient days.
8. I think it is _____ to kill animals for sport, and I would forbid it.

gladiatorial	spectator	gruesome	mock
naval	reenactment	diverse	ravages of time

Exercise 4 | Conversation Questions (Questões de conversação)

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions.

Orientação: Responda às perguntas alternando a vez com seu professor.

1. Have you ever been to Rome, and if not, would you like to go? Why, why not?
2. What do you think of the forms of entertainment in ancient Rome?
3. What is your opinion about Italy and its culture?
4. How did people in your country entertain themselves in the old days?
5. How do you have fun nowadays when you have time for it?