

## The Great Wall of China

**Read the questions (0 to 5) and match them with the answers (a to h). You may use each answer only once. There are two more answers than you need. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

0. How long is the Great Wall of China?

1. When was the Great Wall of China built?
2. Why was it built?
3. Who built it?
4. How tall is it?
5. Can it be seen from the Moon?

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- a) In places the Great Wall is 25 feet (8 metres) high.
- b) The Great Wall of China is about 6,000 kilometres long.
- c) It is believed that the main purpose of the Great Wall was to protect China from invasion or attack by northern tribes (such as the Mongols).
- d) It was originally built over 2,000 years ago, around 221 BC. Most of the current Great Wall was built during the Ming dynasty (between 1368 and 1644).
- e) No, it can't. However, it can be seen from space, and images have been returned from low-level space vehicles including the space shuttle.
- f) No, the earliest wall was made of earth and stone.
- g) The original wall was ordered by Emperor Qin over 2,000 years ago. The wall was constructed by labourers, soldiers, common people and criminals.
- h) About one million soldiers were stationed along the wall.

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