

Legoland

1 Legoland is a model town that includes models of famous places around the world made from millions of real Lego pieces.

People enjoy looking at models made of Lego. That's why
 5 the Lego makers decided to create Legoland. In 1968, the first Legoland opened in Denmark. Legoland is a miniature park where all the buildings, people, trees, and even animals are made of Lego. At Legoland, you can see models of the Statue of Liberty¹ and famous buildings,
 10 airports, and even a space center.

An important part of Legoland is learning about how things work. Legoland has miniature dams² which teach kids to understand how water and dams work. There are also Lego models that teach you how we make music. At
 15 Legoland you can learn about robots. You can learn about driving too. In Legoland there is a driving school where children can drive small electric cars that look like Lego cars around a small road.

The first Legoland, which is in Denmark, was very
 20 popular, and many more Legoland parks opened. Today, there are eight Legoland parks around the world. They are in Denmark, California, Florida, Malaysia, Dubai, the UK, Japan, and Germany. Every year more than 15 million people visit Legoland.

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D Answer the questions.

1. The Lego makers opened Legoland because ...
2. At Legoland you can see models of ...
3. Buildings, trees, people, animals, are all things ...
4. What can you learn in Legoland? List two things.
5. How do you know that Legoland is very popular?

E Read the guidebook about Mini Jerusalem. Were you ever there?

MINI JERUSALEM AND THE SECOND BEIT HAMIKDASH

¹ In the Israel Museum, there is a model of Jerusalem and the Second *Beit Hamikdash*. It shows how the city looked almost three thousand years ago.

⁵ The model was built in 1966 in the garden of the Holyland Hotel in Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem. Like a magnet, people were pulled to see it—Israelis and tourists, students, children, and adults.

Building the model was the idea of Hans Kroch, the hotel owner. He paid for the model in memory of his son Jacob who died in the War of Independence¹. At the time that the model was built, the Old City of Jerusalem was closed to Jews. Hans Kroch wanted to build the model of Jerusalem because he wanted to show people how the city of Jerusalem looked in ~~the~~ best times.

¹⁵ The model of the *Beit Hamikdash* has many details. It was built according to the words of the *Mishnah*. The model is also built according to old things that archaeologists² found in Jerusalem and in Roman cities.

²⁰ In 2006, the time came to move the model. Workers cut the model into 100 parts, and then put it back together in the Israel Museum. Today, you can come and see the model at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

²⁵ Students can visit the museum for free on Tuesdays.



¹ independence עצמאות ² archaeologist ארכיאולוג ←

F Choose the correct answers.

- You can see a model of how Jerusalem
 a. looks today b. looked 3,000 years ago c. will look next year
- At first, the model was in
 a. the Israel Museum b. a hotel garden c. the Old City
- The model of the *Beit Hamikdash* and Jerusalem was built ... Jacob Kroch.
 a. by the hands of b. in memory of c. as a gift for
- The model of the *Beit Hamikdash* was built according to
 a. people's stories b. the words of the *Mishnah* c. Jacob Kroch's words
- Today the model is
 a. cut in 100 parts b. in the Israel Museum c. in a hotel

G Read about one of the most famous miniparks in the world.



madurodam

1 Visiting the Madurodam Park in Holland is like visiting the whole country in one day!

This park is only about half a kilometer² in size, but in that small place you can find miniature models of houses, rivers, markets, museums, and other famous places. You can also see small models of Dutch people and their everyday lives in Holland.

Madurodam first opened its doors in 1952. The name Madurodam comes from the name of a soldier, George Maduro. George fought the Nazis, and he was killed in World War II while fighting for Holland. Madurodam Park was set up by his parents in his memory so that people would remember him. The money that comes in from the park goes to charity.

Madurodam has welcomed almost 60 million visitors since it opened. What brings so many visitors to the park?



In just a few hours, you can see some of Amsterdam's most famous places like Keukenhof, one of the world's biggest flower gardens, or the Anne Frank museum, where a Jewish girl hid from the Nazis. You can also see the famous Dutch cheese auction¹ at the Alkmaar cheese market.

The park is exciting and has a lot of things that move. You can watch a plane take off from Amsterdam's Airport or watch "people" going to work by train. The cars, boats, and bridges all move too. And visitors can make many of the models move by playing with the different controls².

Each model is created with many details. In the winter, you can see the model "people" wearing jackets, gloves, and hats in the snow. In the summer, you'll find them in summer clothes.

So come and visit Madurodam! The park is open all year. Tickets cost 16 euros and are free for children under three years old.