

World's Tallest Building Opens in Dubai



Use the News

Comprehension Check

Use the words in the box to complete this brief article about Dubai. Each word will be used once.

concrete emirate engineering mosques Muslims observation popular restaurants skyscraper

For many years, Dubai has been an active port city and a _____ vacation spot. But Dubai's skyline has changed a lot in the past 30 years. Today, many new buildings constructed of glass, steel, and _____ tower over the land. Dubai is a truly international place too. People from around the world make their home in the _____ of Dubai. As a matter of fact, more than 80 percent of the people who live there were not born there. Most people who live in Dubai are _____ who worship in _____, but churches and temples can be found in Dubai too. All kinds of foods -- from fast food to Chinese and Indian food -- can be found in hundreds of _____ along Dubai's busy streets. But the thing about Dubai that stands out most is the towering _____ known as "The Burj." More than anything else, I would like to visit The Burj and catch the view of Dubai from its _____ deck. The Burj is an _____ wonder that would be well worth a visit!

Vocabulary Builder

Color the circle before the word that means almost the same as the bold word in each sentence.

- "The Burj" includes enough steel to **stretch** from New York City to Tokyo.
 a. shrink b. extend c. rise d. travel
- The **concrete** used to build The Burj weighs as much as 100,000 elephants.
 a. stone b. cement c. glass d. construction
- Dubai's beaches are **popular** vacation spots.
 a. damp b. crowded c. loud d. favorite
- Many people say that The Burj is an amazing **feat** of engineering.
 a. mosque b. emirate c. achievement d. location

Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- The word *burj* means "tower" in Arabic.
- Some people say that Dubai's newest skyscraper is a symbol of the emirate's power.
- The growing emirate of Dubai is home to a new and most amazing skyscraper.
- A mosque is a Muslim house of worship.