

## MY VISIT TO THE TAJ MAHAL

Meera has just returned from a holiday in India, where she visited the Taj Mahal. Here she is talking about it.



The Taj Mahal is so beautiful. It's a kind of tomb in India for somebody special who passed away. I know I'd never be able to afford to build one. We made a special trip to the city of Agra to see it, because it's world-famous. It's right next to the River Yamuna. We were told that the Emperor Shah Jahan had it built for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It took 20 years to finish. This was round about 1653. They say that poets compared it to a white cloud. It's made of white marble, which gleamed as the sun rose!



1. What does Meera say that lets us know that she liked the Taj Mahal?

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2. What sort of building is the Taj Mahal?

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3. Instead of saying a tombis for people who have died, what does she say?

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4. How do we know that Meera thinks you'd have to be rich to build one?

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5. Meera says the Taj Mahal is very well-known. What words does she use?

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6. Meera visited the Taj Mahal early in the morning. How do we know?

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7. Poets must have thought it was amazing. How do we know?

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