

Roman Architecture

The Romans were really good at building. Even today some Roman buildings are still standing after nearly 2000 years. The Romans used lots of different materials for their buildings including stone, brick and wood – and sometimes concrete, all materials that we still use today to build.

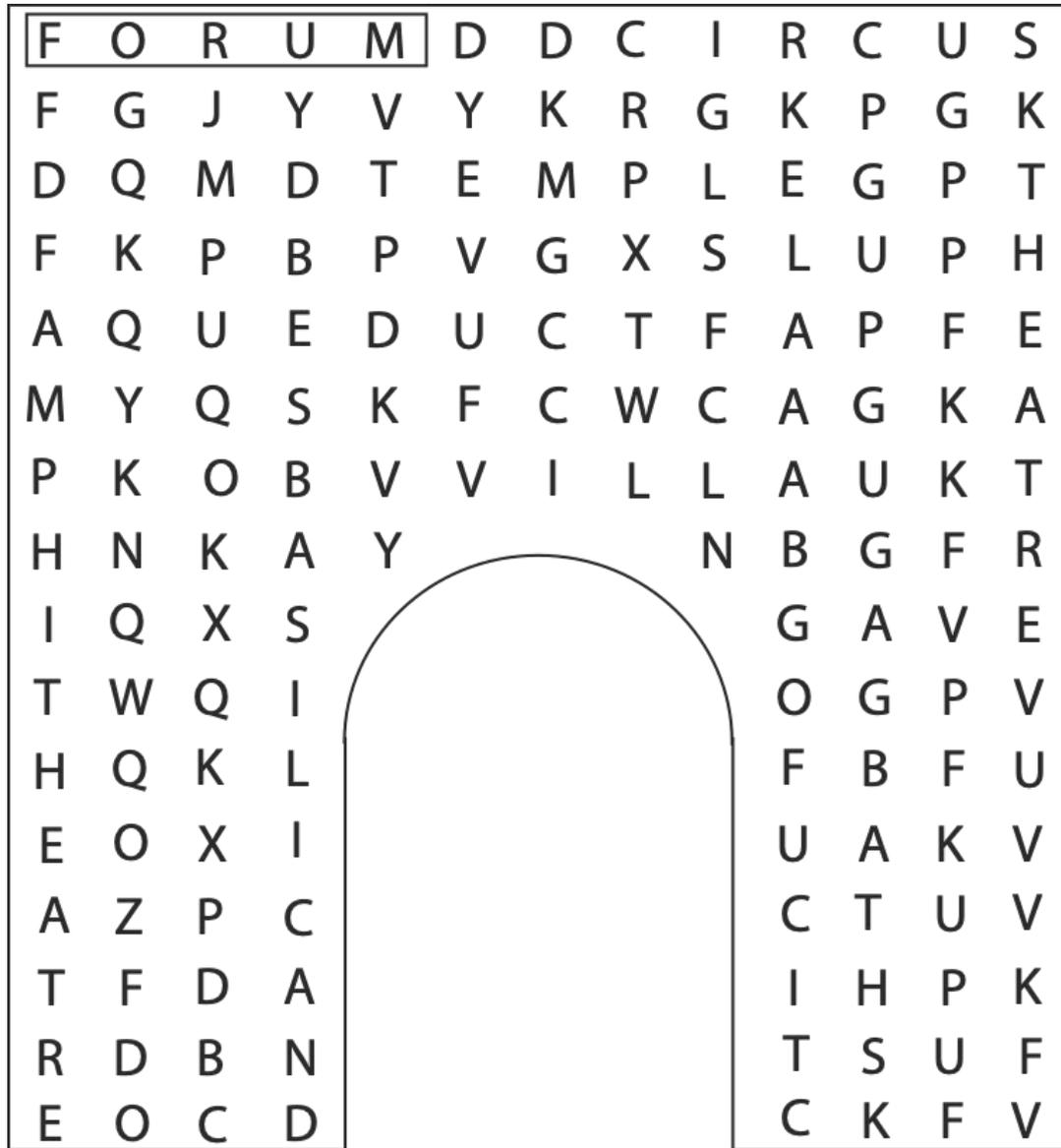
There were lots of different types of buildings in Roman towns and cities, just like there are today.

Activity 1

See if you can find some important types of Roman building in the word search on the next page. Tick the box when you have found the word.

- Forum A market where you would go to do your shopping. A large building with an open space in the centre for market stalls and lots of shops surrounding this.
- Aqueduct Aqueducts were built to bring fresh water into towns and cities. With lots of arches they looked like bridges, but carry water instead than roads.
- Amphitheatre A huge building like a modern sports stadium, but without the football, rugby or athletics. Instead some Romans enjoyed watching specially trained athletes called gladiators fight either against each other or against wild animals.
- Basilica A very grand building - a bit like a Town Hall today.
- Baths Somewhere to relax at the end of the day similar to a modern spa or swimming pool today.
- Temple A religious building where the Romans would go pray to one of their many gods.
- Theatre Just like a modern theatre somewhere where you could see a play being performed.
- Villa A large Roman house for someone very important.

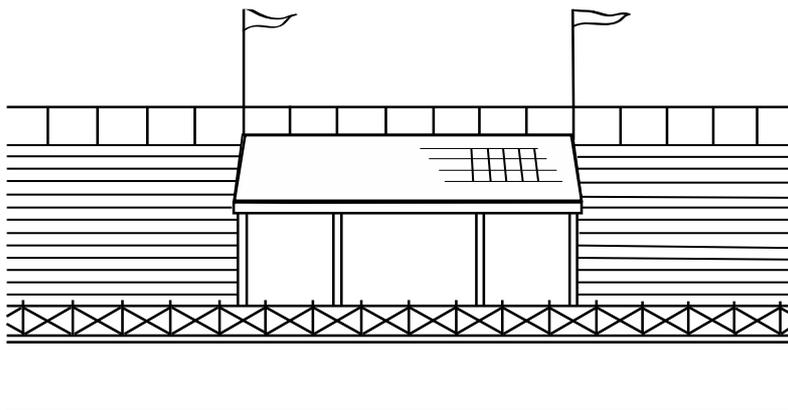
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Activity 2

The picture below shows the inside of an amphitheatre with a gladiator warming up before the contest begins. Add some gladiators and wild animals to complete the picture.



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Activity 3

Make your own model of a Roman temple like the one in the picture below. Using the picture of a temple on the next page carefully follow the instructions below. As you will need some glue and a pair of scissors you may need an adult to help you with this.

1. Fold the paper along the lines between the arrows.
2. Carefully cut around the outside line of the temple, making sure not to cut off any of the grey numbered flaps.
3. Fold over flaps 2, 3, 5 and 6.
4. Next use some glue or tape to stick flap 1 to the other side of the temple.
5. Then fold over the roof of the temple and glue flaps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



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