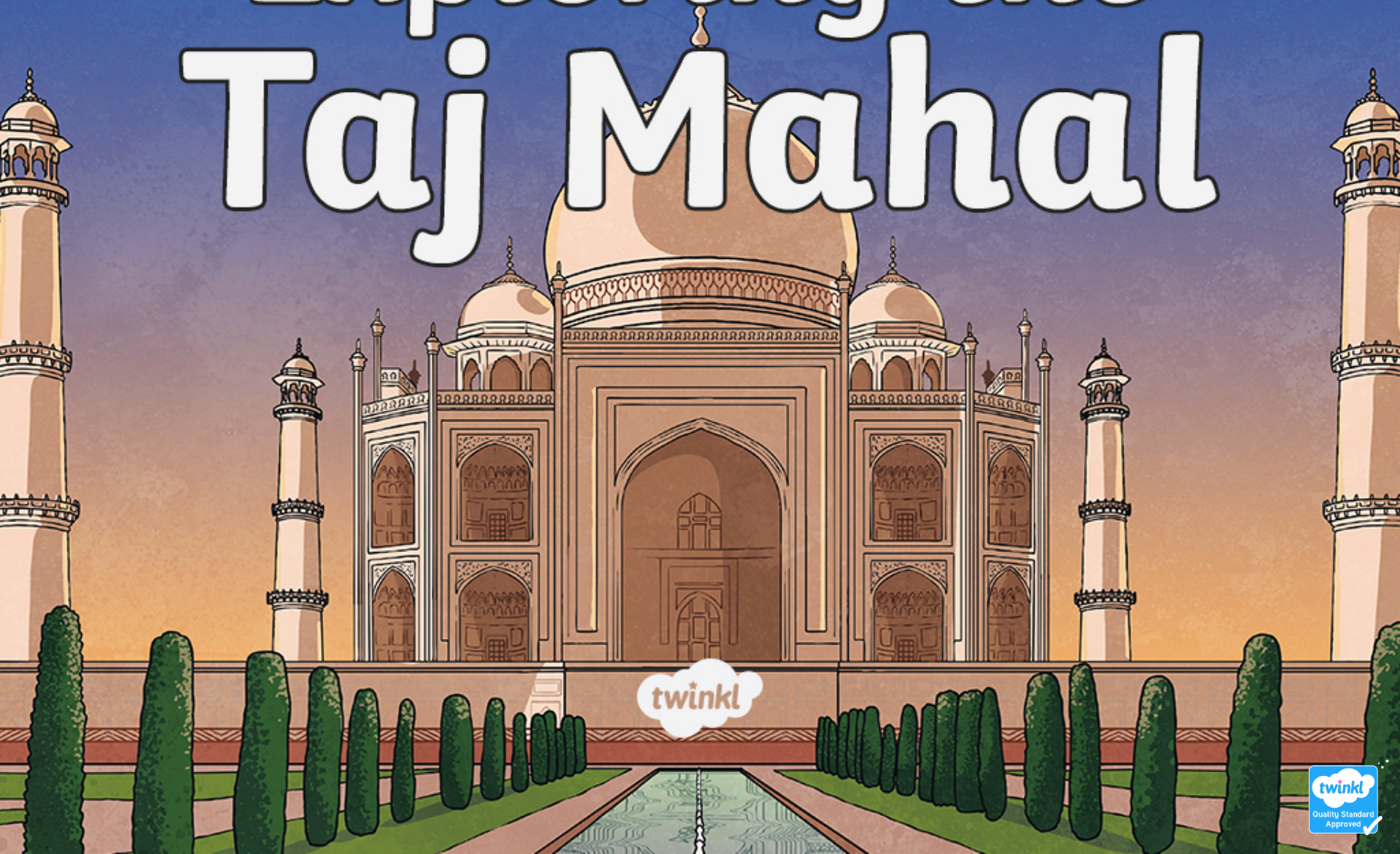


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The Taj Mahal is an extravagant tomb built in 1632.

It is in Agra, India which is in the continent of Asia.

In 2007, the Taj Mahal was named one of the seven wonders of the modern world.



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The Taj Mahal was commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan to house the remains of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Mumtaz died while giving birth to the couple's 14th child and Shah was so heartbroken he immediately began planning the most elaborate tomb he could make for her.



The Central Building

The central building is made of white marble mined from Northern India and inlaid with 28 types of precious and semi precious jewels, such as jade from China, lapis lazuli from Afghanistan and sapphire from Sri Lanka. These glimmer when you shine a torch against them.



The Garden and Reflective Pool

The Taj Mahal's design was influenced by Persian, Indian and Islamic cultures. The focus was on geometric patterns and symmetry, which the gardens and reflective pool demonstrate beautifully.



The Cost of the Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal took 12 years, 20,000 workers and 1,000 elephants to build.

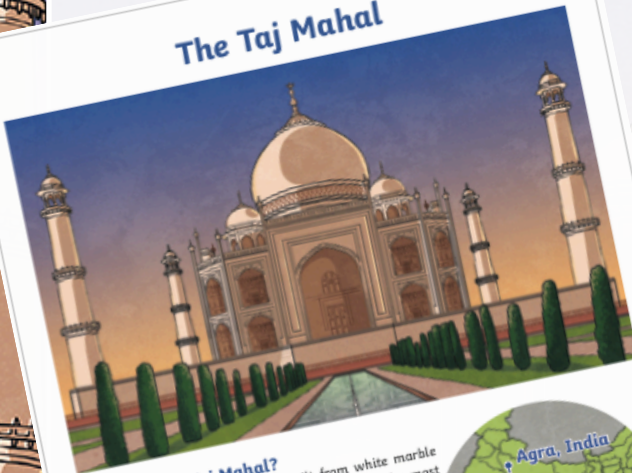
The estimated cost at the time it was built was 32 million rupees, which converts to 70 million pounds today!



Today's Task

Fill in the missing information on the Taj Mahal worksheet. Use the fact file and word bank to help you!

The Taj Mahal



Where is the Taj Mahal?

The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum built from white marble located in the city of Agra, India. It is one of the most well-known pieces of architecture in the world.



Interesting Facts

- An emperor built it for his wife.
- The name translates to 'Crown of palaces'.
- It took 21 years to build.
- The building is 171 metres tall.
- 8 million people visit the Taj Mahal each year.

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal was built entirely out of which was brought in from all over India and Asia

It was built as the final resting place for the third wife of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan.

The full height of the Taj Mahal is

The Taj Mahal is a famous in India.

The Taj Mahal is located in the city of

The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor

which means King of the World, in honour of his dead wife

The name Taj Mahal means

Construction of the Taj Mahal started in

1632	Mumtaz Mahal	171 metres	Crown of Palaces	White Marble
	Agra	Monument	Shah Jahan	

