

# Taipei 101

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Taipei 101 is a very **tall** building in Taiwan. It has 101 floors! From 2004 to 2010, it was the **tallest** building in the world. Many people come to see it every year.



The building looks like bamboo. Bamboo is a **lucky** plant in Chinese culture. There are eight **sections** that look like bamboo parts. Eight is also a lucky number in Taiwan.

Inside the building, there is a huge ball. This ball is called the **damper**. It weighs 660 tons! When there is an earthquake or strong wind, the ball **swings** to keep the building **safe**.

You can take the **elevator** to the top. The elevator is very fast. It takes only 37 **seconds** to go up 89 floors! From the top, you can see all of Taipei city.

Every New Year, there is a big fireworks show at Taipei 101. Thousands of people come to watch. The fireworks shoot out from the building. It is very **beautiful**!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. tall _____       | a. not in danger                    |
| 2. tallest _____    | b. parts or pieces                  |
| 3. lucky _____      | c. very short amounts of time       |
| 4. sections _____   | d. a box that takes you up and down |
| 5. damper _____     | e. the most tall of all             |
| 6. swings _____     | f. high up; not short               |
| 7. safe _____       | g. moves back and forth             |
| 8. elevator _____   | h. a big ball that stops shaking    |
| 9. seconds _____    | i. very pretty to look at           |
| 10. beautiful _____ | j. bringing good things             |

## B. True or False

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1. Taipei 101 has 100 floors. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. It was once the tallest building in the world. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The building looks like a tree. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Eight is a lucky number in Taiwan. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The damper is very light. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The elevator is very slow. \_\_\_\_\_
7. You can see Taipei from the top. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. There are fireworks on New Year. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The damper keeps the building safe. \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** tall, lucky, sections, damper, safe, elevator, beautiful

1. Taipei 101 is a very \_\_\_\_\_ building in Taiwan.
2. Bamboo is a \_\_\_\_\_ plant in Chinese culture.
3. The building has eight \_\_\_\_\_ that look like bamboo.
4. The big ball called the \_\_\_\_\_ weighs 660 tons.
5. The fireworks show is very \_\_\_\_\_.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. How many floors does Taipei 101 have?
2. What plant does the building look like?
3. What does the damper do?
4. How fast is the elevator?
5. What happens at Taipei 101 on New Year?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Would you like to go to the top of Taipei 101? Why?
2. What tall buildings have you seen?
3. Why do you think people like watching fireworks?

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## Answer Key

**A. Vocabulary:** 1-f, 2-e, 3-j, 4-b, 5-h, 6-g, 7-a, 8-d, 9-c, 10-i

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-tall, 2-lucky, 3-sections, 4-damper, 5-beautiful

**D. Comprehension:** 1. 101 floors; 2. Bamboo; 3. It swings to keep the building safe during earthquakes and wind; 4. 37 seconds to go up 89 floors; 5. A big fireworks show