



The Eiffel Tower was named after its head contractor (出资人), Gustave Eiffel, and was built to commemorate the 100 years of the French Revolution. It remained the world's tallest building until 1931 by New York City's 319-meter-high Chrysler Building.

Today the high towers are most often used for communication. Television, radio, and cell phone companies depend on such towers to transmit (传播) their signals. But the Eiffel Tower was built before radio communication was necessary, and even before the radio was invented.

Modern buildings make the Eiffel Tower look small. Even so, the romance continues, and the tower welcomes over 6 million visitors every year. To keep the 118-year-old structure looking fresh, 60 tons of paint are reapplied (再运用) every 8 years! Though it all, the grand old tower lives on.

2. 请配对下列著名建筑

The Eiffel Tower
The Oriental Pearl TV Tower
The Golden Gate Bridge
The Empire State Building
Shanghai World Financial Center
Taipei 101

东方明珠
金门大桥
台北101大楼
上海环球金融中心
帝国大厦
埃菲尔铁塔



3. 用下列单词词组造句

depend on

surpass

invent

in comparison

communication

4. 完型填空

I often __1__ about Pisa when I was a boy. I read about the famous building called the Leaning Tower of Pisa. But when I read the word Pisa, I was thinking of __2__. I thought this tower was a place to buy pizza. It must be the best place to buy pizza in the world, I thought.

Many years later I finally saw the Leaning Tower. I knew then that it was Pisa not pizza. But there was still something special about it for me. The tower got its name because it really does lean to one __3__. Some people want to fix it now. They are afraid it may fall over and they don't like to see it lean over the city.

I don't think it's a good idea to try to __4__ it. The tower probably will not fall down because it is 600 years old. Why should anything happen to it now? And, if you ask me about it, I should say I like what it looks like. "Nothing is perfect", it seems to say.

And who cares? Why do people want things to be __5__? Imperfect things may be more interesting. Let's take the tower in Pisa. Why is it so famous? There are many other older and more beautiful towers in Italy. But Pisa Tower is the most famous. People come from all over the world to see it.

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| () 1. A. dreamed | B. looked | C. went | D. asked |
| () 2. A. cake | B. hamburger | C. hot dog | D. pizza |
| () 3. A. place | B. corner | C. side | D. face |
| () 4. A. climb | B. fix | C. destroy | D. break |
| () 5. A. perfect | B. wonderful | C. beautiful | D. pretty |

1. 阅读背景知识填空

The Eiffel Tower was constructed to commemorate the 100 years of _____.

The tower was not built to be a radio tower because _____.

The tower remained the tallest structure until 1931 by _____.

The tower welcomes _____ visitors every year.

To keep the tower looking fresh, _____ are reapplied every 8 years.

参考答案

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3. 用下列单词词组造句
Our family depends on my father all the time.

You will be surpassed by others if you don't work hard.

Telephone was invented a long time ago.

Tom looks tall in comparison with his classmates.

Internet is useful for communication.

4. 完型填空
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