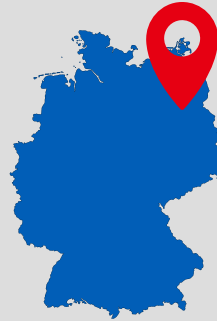
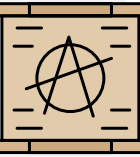


**Brandenburger Tor** (The Brandenburg Gate) was built in 1791, based on the entrance to the Acropolis in Athens. When it was built, only the Royal Family were allowed to pass through the middle arch. During the Cold War, it sat on the line that distinguished East and West Berlin.

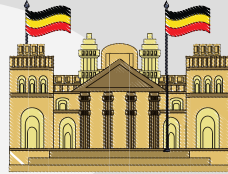
# BERLIN



After World War II, Germany and Berlin were split into 4. In 1961 one area (East Berlin) began to build a wall around the remaining 3 (West Berlin). It was built without warning and many people were separated from their families. The Berlin Wall was destroyed in 1989 after certain gates opened and people from East Berlin flooded into the West, dismantling the wall. There are now parts where the wall has been preserved as a memorial such as the 'East Side Gallery'. In 1990, East and West Germany united as one country.



The **Reichstag Building** is the seat of the German government, originally built in 1894, it has been reconstructed 3 times since. The most recent reconstruction has added a glass dome from which you can see a 360 degree view of Berlin.



## FUN FACTS



**Berliner Dom** is the biggest Protestant Cathedral in Germany.

It's known as a Cathedral Church as it started life as a parish church but over time it became more and more important, earning the title, 'Cathedral'.

**Fernsehturm Berlin** (Berlin Television Tower) was built in East Germany during the Cold War. It was built tall enough to be seen from anywhere in Berlin, with the purpose of demonstrating their power in the City. It is a looming 338 metres tall, that's almost 77 double decker buses!



Berlin is 9 times bigger than Paris!

There are more birdges in Berlin than in Venice, Stockholm and Amsterdam combined!

While museums are perfect for a rainy day, there aren't enough rainy days to visit all 180 museums in Berlin!

The **River Spree** flows through the centre of Berlin. It forms part of the mass of waterways, crossing under the famous **Oberbaumbrücke**, a bridge that used to act as a separation between East and West Berlin when the Berlin Wall stood.

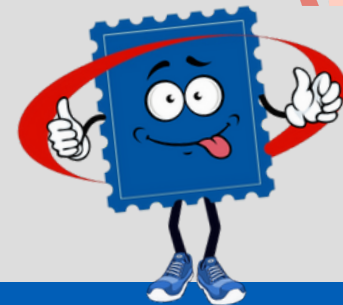
Berlin has a long history of LGBTQ+ rights. Its Pride event has been held annually since 1979. It is also known as **Christopher Street Day** (honouring Stonewall). The pride event in Berlin is considered to be the largest in Europe, with around 500,000 participants!.



**Museumsinsel** (Museum Island) houses 5 museums in one island on the Spree River. It is a UNESCO heritage site. And its museums hold important historical items such as those from ancient Babylon.



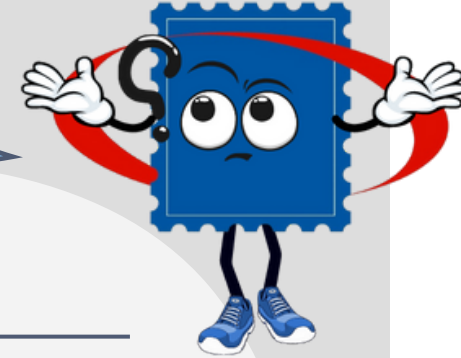
**Graffiti** is all over Berlin and is seen all over the Berlin Wall. The Graffiti on the West side of the wall was often used to protest and demonstrate solidarity with people on the East side. Graffiti is now everywhere and costs about 37 million a year to clean.



# QUESTIONS

## BERLIN

Test your knowledge  
and answer these  
questions!



1. What was the design for the Brandenburg Gate based on?

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2. What is the Berliner Dom?

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3. Who built the Fernsehturm Berlin, how tall is it?

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4. Name a reason why Graffiti was painted on the Berlin Wall during the Cold War.

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5. What is the newest addition to the Reichstag Building?

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6. How many museums are there in Berlin?

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7. What is the name of the river than runs through Berlin?

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8. When was the first Berlin Pride Event?

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9. What were the names of the two areas that the Berlin Wall separated?

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10. How many Museums are found on Museumsinsel?

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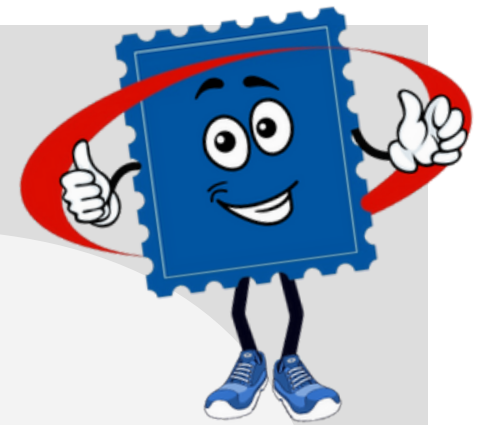
### CHALLENGE TASK:

Write a short letter to your friend describing why they should visit Berlin.



# ANSWERS

## BERLIN



1. What was the design for the Brandenburg Gate based on?

The Acropolis in Athens (1 Mark)

2. What is the Berliner Dom?

It is not a seat of a Bishop (1 Mark)

It is a Collegiate Church (1 Mark)

3. Who built the Fernsehturm Berlin, how tall is it?

East Berlin (1 Mark), 338 meters (1 Mark)

4. Name a reason why Graffiti was painted on the Berlin Wall during the Cold War.

Protest, to demonstrate solidarity (1 Mark for either answer)

5. What is the newest addition to the Reichstag Building?

A glass dome (1 Mark)

6. How many museums are there in Berlin?

180 days (1 Mark)

7. What river flows through in Berlin?

The River Spree (1 Mark)

8. When was the first Berlin Pride Event?

1979 (1 Mark)

9. What were the names of the two areas that the Berlin Wall separated?

East Berlin and West Berlin (1 Mark)

10. How many Museums are found on Museumsinsel?

5 (1 Mark)