

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210711-deep-dive-dubai.html>

Dubai is famous for world records. It has the world's tallest skyscraper, the largest shopping mall and the most luxurious hotel. The city in the UAE now has the world's deepest dive pool. Deep Dive Dubai is 60 metres deep and is filled with nearly 14 million litres of water. This is the same amount of water that is in six Olympic-sized swimming pools. The water temperature is 30° Celsius, so divers do not need to wear thick wetsuits. The pool is part of an oyster-shaped underground complex. It has an 80-seat restaurant and conference rooms. There is also an aquatic film studio with a complete editing room. This means movie-makers will use the complex to film underwater scenes.

The Crown Prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, was one of the first guests at Deep Dive Dubai. He tested the water and did a dive. Actor Will Smith also visited the pool. The Deep Dive Dubai website invites visitors to "explore a stunning underwater attraction that is themed to resemble an abandoned sunken city". The site adds: "It will take several dives to explore this vast underwater city, which is filled with adventure and wonder. The pool is equipped with 56 cameras to ensure the safety of the divers. State-of-the-art lighting and sound systems create a variety of underwater moods." The pool is staffed by a team of expert international diving professionals.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/2021/07/09/worlds-deepest-dive-pool-dubai-has-underwater-sunken-city/7912317002/>
<https://nypost.com/2021/07/09/worlds-deepest-pool-with-underwater-city-exploration-caves/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. skyscraper | a. A quantity of something. |
| 2. luxurious | b. A very, very, very tall building with many floors. |
| 3. amount | c. How hot or cold something is (measured in degrees C or F). |
| 4. temperature | d. A shellfish rough that can be eaten raw and contain pearls. |
| 5. oyster | e. Very comfortable, stylish, or enjoyable, especially in a way that needs a lot of money. |
| 6. complex | f. A part of continuous action in a play, movie, opera, or book. |
| 7. scene | g. Consisting of many different and connected parts. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. guest | h. Travel in or through an unfamiliar country or area to learn about or familiarize oneself with it |
| 9. explore | i. Look or seem like. |
| 10. stunning | j. A person who is asked visit the home of or take part in an event by another person. |
| 11. attraction | k. Very, very beautiful or impressive. |
| 12. resemble | l. Having the newest ideas and the most up-to-date features. |
| 13. state-of-the-art | m. A place that gets visitors by providing something of interest or pleasure. |
| 14. expert | n. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210711-deep-dive-dubai.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says Dubai has the widest hotel. **T / F**
2. The pool at Deep Dive Dubai contains 14 million litres of water. **T / F**
3. Divers at the pool never need to wear a wetsuit. **T / F**
4. The Deep Dive Dubai site is shaped like an oyster. **T / F**
5. The actor Will Smith was the first person to dive in the pool. **T / F**
6. The pool contains an attraction that looks like an abandoned city. **T / F**
7. All of the pool's attractions can be seen in just one dive. **T / F**
8. All of the diving staff at Deep Dive Dubai are from the UAE. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. famous | a. put on |
| 2. luxurious | b. huge |
| 3. wear | c. shoot |
| 4. amount | d. specialist |
| 5. film | e. upmarket |
| 6. guests | f. well known |
| 7. stunning | g. fitted out |
| 8. vast | h. extraordinary |
| 9. equipped | i. volume |
| 10. expert | j. visitors |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. the most luxurious | a. moods |
| 2. The water temperature | b. rooms |
| 3. oyster- | c. art lighting |
| 4. conference | d. shaped |
| 5. use the complex to film | e. diving professionals |
| 6. explore a stunning underwater | f. underwater scenes |
| 7. filled with adventure | g. is 30° Celsius |
| 8. State-of-the- | h. and wonder |
| 9. create a variety of underwater | i. attraction |
| 10. staffed by a team of expert international | j. hotel |

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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| 1) What kind of hotel is mentioned in the article?
a) a scuba-diving hotel
b) a luxurious hotel
c) a 10-star hotel
d) an underwater pool | 6) What did Dubai's Crown Prince do at Deep Dive Dubai?
a) he did a dive
b) he cut a ribbon
c) he swam
d) he made a speech |
| 2) What is the temperature of the Deep Dive Dubai pool?
a) 32° C
b) 28° C
c) 26° C
d) 30° C | 7) How many dives are needed to explore Deep Dive Dubai's city?
a) just one
b) a few
c) several
d) seven |
| 3) What is the shape of the Deep Dive Dubai complex?
a) an oyster
b) a clam
c) a crab
d) a flipper | 8) What do the 56 cameras do at Deep Dive Dubai?
a) keep divers safe
b) monitor for cracks
c) provide video souvenirs
d) keep the water clean |
| 4) How many seats does the Deep Dive Dubai restaurant have?
a) 60
b) 70
c) 80
d) 90 | 9) What does state-of-the-art lighting and sound create a variety of?
a) underground moods
b) soundscapes
c) water vibrations
d) images |
| 5) What will movie-makers be able to shoot at Deep Dive Dubai?
a) movies
b) underwater scenes
c) fish
d) plankton | 10) What is Deep Dive Dubai staffed by a team of?
a) marine biologists
b) scuba diving champions
c) movie-makers
d) diving professionals |

DEEP DIVE DUBAI DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dive'?
3. What do you know about Dubai?
4. What do you think of Dubai?
5. What is your city famous for?
6. What do you think of a 60-metre-deep pool for diving?
7. What do you think of scuba diving?
8. How popular do you think Deep Dive Dubai will be?
9. Would you like to go to Deep Dive Dubai?
10. What do you think of the pool having a film studio?

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DEEP DIVE DUBAI DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'pool'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do people go scuba diving?
15. What attractions could Deep Dive Dubai add?
16. Should Disneyland have a scuba diving attraction?
17. What would you like to hear while you are scuba diving?
18. Is it better to see marine life or an attraction while scuba diving?
19. What would it be like to be a scuba diving professional?
20. What questions would you like to ask Deep Dive Dubai's boss?