

Disneyland

Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Have you ever been to Disneyland?
2. Do you know when and where the original Disneyland was built?
3. Do you know where the other Disneylands are located?
4. Do you like amusement parks? If so, what kind of rides do you like?
5. Do you know who created Disneyland?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| ___ 1. amusement | a) liked by many people |
| ___ 2. create | b) building something |
| ___ 3. animated | c) the yearly return of the date of an event |
| ___ 4. popular | d) to make, to produce something new |
| ___ 5. ride | e) a holiday place to visit and stay at |
| ___ 6. attraction | f) having fun |
| ___ 7. acre | g) to be made up of |
| ___ 8. construction | h) cartoon, giving life to drawings |
| ___ 9. public | i) something that gets people's attention |
| ___ 10. consist | j) people |
| ___ 11. resort | k) a measure of land |
| ___ 12. anniversary | l) a kind of attraction at an amusement park (such as a roller coaster) |



Reading

1. Disneyland is an **amusement** park in Anaheim, California. When it opened in 1955, it was called “the happiest place on earth,” and over 500 million people have visited it since then.
2. Disneyland was **created** by Walt Disney. He and his brother Roy ran Disney Studios in California, and their **animated** films, with characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, were very **popular**. Many people wanted to visit the studio and have their picture taken with their favorite character.
3. Walt Disney came up with the idea of building an amusement park close to the studio, where adults and children could have fun together and get their picture taken with a Disney character. He wanted a place that would be fun, safe, and clean. Tivoli Gardens, an amusement park in Denmark, was one of his models for Disneyland.
4. At first, Disney planned to build just a small park, but his plans slowly grew into a large park with **rides**, live entertainment, restaurants, and other **attractions**. He bought 160 **acres** of land in Anaheim, and **construction** started on July 18, 1954. The park opened to the **public** on July 18, 1955. It cost \$17 million to build.
5. The original park **consisted** of five “lands”: Main Street USA, Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, and Tomorrowland. Three more were added: New Orleans Square (1966), Critter Country (1972), and Mickey’s Toontown (1993). Visitors can use a steam train or one of three monorails to get around.
6. Disneyland was so successful that others were built. Walt Disney World opened in Florida in 1971, followed by Tokyo Disneyland in 1983, Disneyland **Resort** Paris in 1992, Disney California Adventure in 2001, and Hong Kong Disneyland in 2005.
7. In the 1990s, a vacation resort area was built around Disneyland to attract more people from farther away and to encourage them to stay longer.
8. Disneyland celebrated its 50th **anniversary** in 2005. Many of the oldest and most popular attractions, such as Space Mountain, the Jungle Cruise, and the Tiki Room, were restored for the anniversary.

*“All our dreams
can come true if
we have the courage
to pursue them.”*

—Walt Disney

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information.

- _____ 1. The original Disneyland was built close to Disney Studios.
- _____ 2. Disney Studios produced Mickey Mouse films.
- _____ 3. It was Roy Disney's idea to build Disneyland.
- _____ 4. The original Disneyland was modeled after an amusement park in Florida.
- _____ 5. It cost \$500 million to build the first Disneyland.

B. Ask and Answer

Practice asking and answering the following questions with your partner.

Then write your answers in complete sentences in your notebook.

- 1. What is Disneyland?
- 2. What was the idea behind the building of Disneyland?
- 3. What was Disneyland called when it first opened?
- 4. How many different lands are there in Disneyland, and how do tourists travel from one to another?
- 5. Where was the most recent Disneyland built?
- 6. Why was a vacation resort built around Disneyland in the 1990s?
- 7. What are some of the most popular attractions at Disneyland?

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word or phrase with the closest meaning to the underlined word or phrase in the following sentences.

- Many people wanted to visit the studio and have their picture taken with their favorite Disney character.
 - study room
 - place where films are made
 - amusement park
- Walt Disney came up with the idea of building an amusement park close to the studio.
 - talked about
 - first thought of
 - borrowed from
- Tivoli Gardens, an amusement park in Denmark, was one of the models for Disneyland.
 - examples to copy
 - rides to go on
 - monorails to ride
- The original park consisted of five lands.
 - ordinary
 - very large
 - first
- In the 1990s, a vacation resort was built to encourage people to stay longer.
 - make people laugh
 - help make something happen
 - take an extended holiday
- Many of the oldest and most popular attractions were restored for the anniversary.
 - made into shops
 - started all over again
 - fixed up

Discussion

- Have you ever been to a Disneyland? If so, describe the different “lands” and rides you visited. If not, try to imagine what the attractions and rides are like in Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland, etc.
- Disneyland is one of the most popular resorts for family holidays. What kind of holiday do you like to take with your family? Describe the best family holiday you have had.
- What are some of the most famous Walt Disney movies? Have you seen any of these? If so, which were your favorites?