

# The Berlin Wall

## Reading

1. The **Berlin Wall** was built in 1961. It was built by the communist government of **East** Germany. The Berlin Wall was built to keep people inside East Germany.
2. At first, the Berlin Wall was made of wood and wire. It divided East and **West** Berlin. Later, the Berlin Wall was made of **concrete**. When it was finished, it divided **communist** East Germany and democratic West Germany.
3. For many years, no one could enter or leave East Germany. Friends and families could not see or talk to each other. Some people tried to jump over the wall. This was very dangerous. Many people were shot by the communist soldiers when they tried to escape.
4. In 1989, communism began to collapse, and thousands of people from East Germany escaped. Because of this, the East German government began to tear down the wall. Soon, many people from all over the world came to help destroy the Berlin Wall.
5. On November 9, 2014, people celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. More than a million people traveled to Berlin to take part in ceremonies that included fireworks and 7,000 helium balloons.
6. Parts of the Berlin Wall still stand as a reminder of the **division** that existed between East and West Germany. Pieces of the Berlin Wall are sold as **souvenirs**.





# Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. When was the Berlin Wall built?

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2. Who built the Berlin Wall?

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3. Why was the Berlin Wall built?

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4. At first, what was the Berlin Wall made of?

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5. What city did the Berlin Wall divide?

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6. What was the Berlin Wall made of later?

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7. What two countries did the Berlin Wall divide?

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8. Were people allowed to leave West Germany?

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9. Some people tried to leave East Germany.  
How did they try to escape?

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10. Who killed the people  
trying to escape East Germany?

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11. When did communism begin to collapse?

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12. What did the East German government do?

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13. Who helped destroy the Berlin Wall?

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14. What happened on November 9, 2014?

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15. Today, what do parts of the  
Berlin Wall stand as a reminder of?

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# Vocabulary Review

## A. Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words below from the story.  
Then write one original sentence for each word.

#	Word	Unscrambled	Sentence
1	stew		
2	libern lalw		
3	nommcuits		
4	cretonce		
5	venousirs		
6	vidisnio		
7	stea		

## B. Find the Words

Now find the words from the exercise above in the word search to the right.

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 o g d e i s e o a s h a e  
 n o r i y t e u m l m e r  
 c v t a v h n v i a n x l  
 r e i c d i i e i n i p i  
 e r a v o d s n y d c l n  
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