

STATUES

PEOPLE AND POSTERITY

Everybody recognises this statue! We know where it is – New York. Do you know where it comes from? Or any other information? Check your ideas on page 16.

There are statues in almost every town. They are usually of famous people: explorers, soldiers, politicians. They remind us about history. Sometimes, of course, people forget the story *behind* the statue. Perhaps the person isn't famous today. Ideas change!



PEOPLE AND REALITY

STATUES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Many modern artists like to make statues. They don't always use stone or marble. Of course, these materials last for centuries. But they're heavy – and expensive. Many modern artists like to use different ones: metal, plastic or fiberglass. They often put their statues in unusual places.

STATUES ON THE BEACH

This is part of a group of statues by a modern artist, Antony Gormley. The name of this group is "Another Place". The statues are on a beach near Liverpool. Sometimes the "people" almost disappear in the sea. Real people go onto the beach, too. It's difficult to tell the difference!



RELIGIOUS STATUES

Some statues are connected with religion. Some of these are in the open air – and they're enormous! For example, the famous statue of "Cristo Redentor" in Rio de Janeiro. It is on a hill and it dominates the city. It's a favourite place for tourists.



DIFFERENT CULTURES

Some statues are realistic, but many aren't. Sometimes they are enormous, like these "people" from Easter Island in the Pacific. Some of these statues are between 10 and 20 metres tall.



We can see statues from the Inca and Maya cultures in museums. Some are beautiful. Some are frightening. Look at their faces carefully. You can learn a lot about that culture from these "people"!



What "historical" statues are there in your town? What do you know about them? Find out extra information about them.



GREEN STATUES

Some statues are made of mud – or even grass! What do you think of this? Beautiful? Strange? Fun?



WORD FILE

disappear (v)	To go out of sight. Nobody can see it.
dominate (v)	To be very big and strong over other things and people.
fiberglass	A strong, light substance made from glass fibres.
frightening	Making people nervous and afraid.
last (v)	To continue for a long time.
mud	Very soft, wet earth. It makes a solid shape when it is dry.
open air	Not in a building.
realistic	Looking like the real thing: the opposite of "abstract".
unusual	Strange, not ordinary.

favorite
fiberglass
meter
recognize

favourite
fibreglass
metre
recognise

TEMPORARY STATUES

This statue disappears when the sun shines!



Choose a person and design a statue of him or her. Decide the material, the place and the style to show your person.

