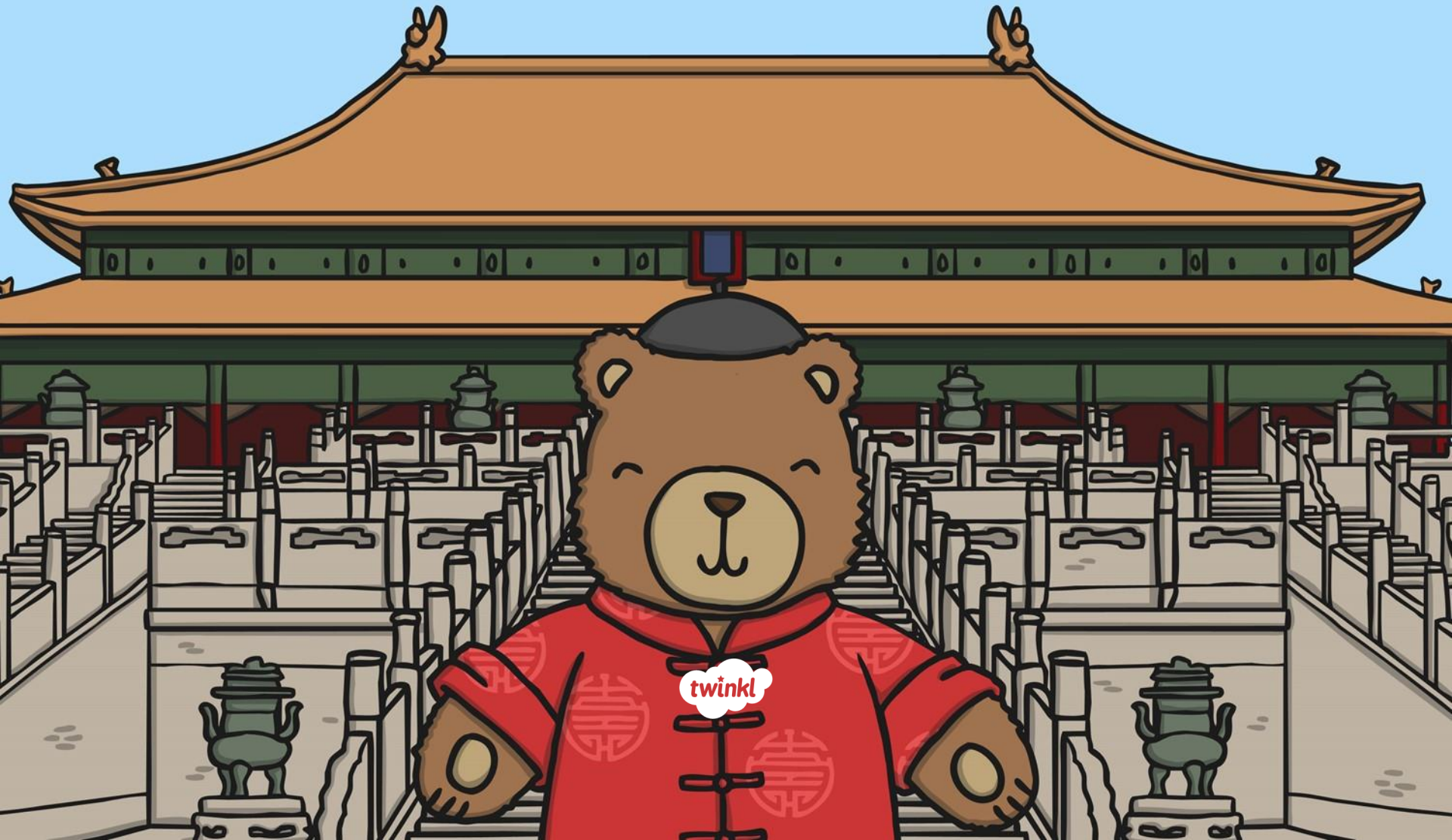
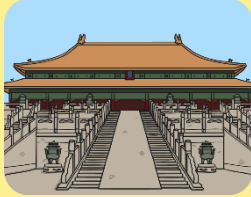


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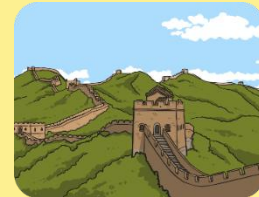
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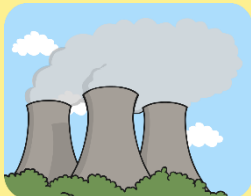
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What Is a Capital City?



What is a capital city?

What is the capital city of England?



What do you know about London?

Has anyone visited London?

What Is a Capital City?



Every country has many important cities, but one is often called the **capital city**.

The capital city is the city where the government of a country can be found.

Capital cities are also usually very large cities but not always the largest city in a country.



What Is a Capital City?



What is the capital city of China?
Where can it be found (located) in China?



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Travelling Ted has been on his travels!

Ted has visited China and spent some time in the country's capital city Beijing.

Let's see what he found out on his travels....

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Beijing is a very large, busy city just like London. I saw lots of businesses, offices, shops and markets. Many people go to work in the capital city.

I found out that Beijing's population is around **22 million**. This number of people is increasing (getting bigger) all the time as people move in and out of the city.

Many people live in high rise flats in the city.

How is Beijing similar or different to London?



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Pollution



In Beijing there was lots of **pollution** in the air.

The pollution is caused by the large amounts of traffic releasing exhaust fumes into the air. It is often called smog.



To help the air pollution, Beijing reduces the number of cars that are allowed into the city each day by allowing only certain types of cars.

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Transport



There are many different types of transport to get around the city.

Beijing has many busy roads or 'expressways', a railway, a major airport, buses, taxis and a subway system. I took a 'trolleybus' (which is like a tram and runs on electric) to get around Beijing. Bicycles are also very popular in Beijing and other Chinese cities.

What types of transport are there in London?

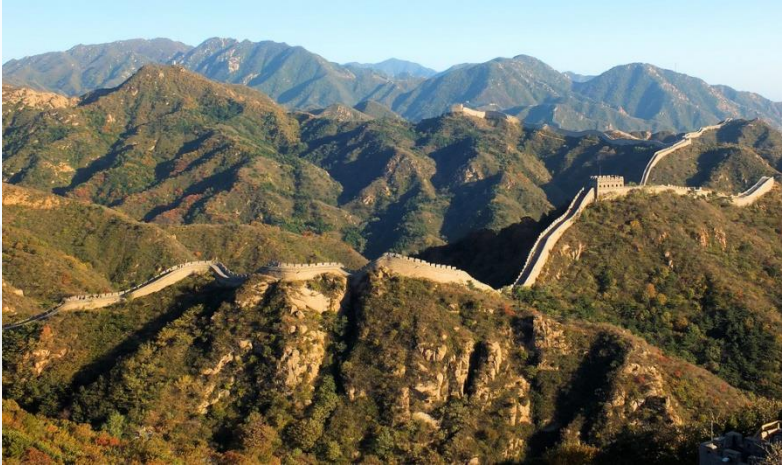


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Landmarks of Beijing



I saw many of China's fascinating landmarks in Beijing.

Beijing is the most popular city for tourists to visit to see the many sights of the city and the landmarks.

What is a landmark?

The Great Wall of China

I saw one part of the Great Wall of China in Beijing. It stretches more than 5,000 miles and looks like a snake winding its way across the country. It is one of China's most popular landmarks.



Watch this video!

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Landmarks of Beijing



Tiananmen Square

I was surprised at the size of Tiananmen Square in Beijing! Tiananmen Square is a large city square in the centre of the city. It is the fourth largest city square in the world. It can hold a million people!



Forbidden City

I visited the Forbidden City or Forbidden Palace. It is a beautiful palace which is now a large museum. It used to be the Imperial Palace where Emperors of China lived and ruled. The Forbidden City has over 8000 rooms but I didn't visit all of them.



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Landmarks of Beijing



The Summer Palace (Yiheyuan)

Finally I visited The Summer Palace in Beijing. It is the largest royal park in China where many people visit to enjoy the beautiful gardens and lakes.



Does London have any gardens or parks?

Are there gardens or parks near where you live?

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Landmarks of Beijing



Beijing National Stadium (the Bird's Nest)

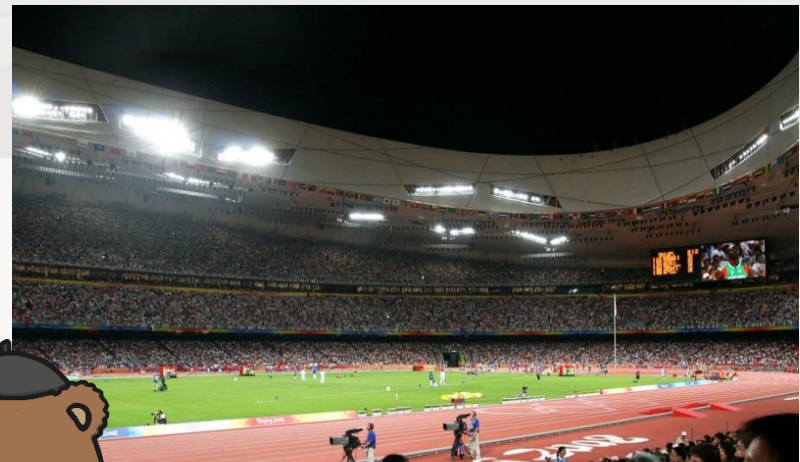
On my travels, I visited the site of the Olympics, which were held in the summer of 2008 in Beijing!

I toured the famous Bird's Nest Stadium, where many athletes from Great Britain won medals, such as Christine Ohuruogu, Germaine Mason and Phillips Idowu.

Why do you think the stadium was called the 'Bird's Nest'?



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Comparing Capitals



How is Beijing different or similar to London?

Draw a table on your mini-whiteboard with the headings **different** and **similar**.

Write your ideas in the correct place on your whiteboard.



Beijing



London



Great Wall of China Challenge



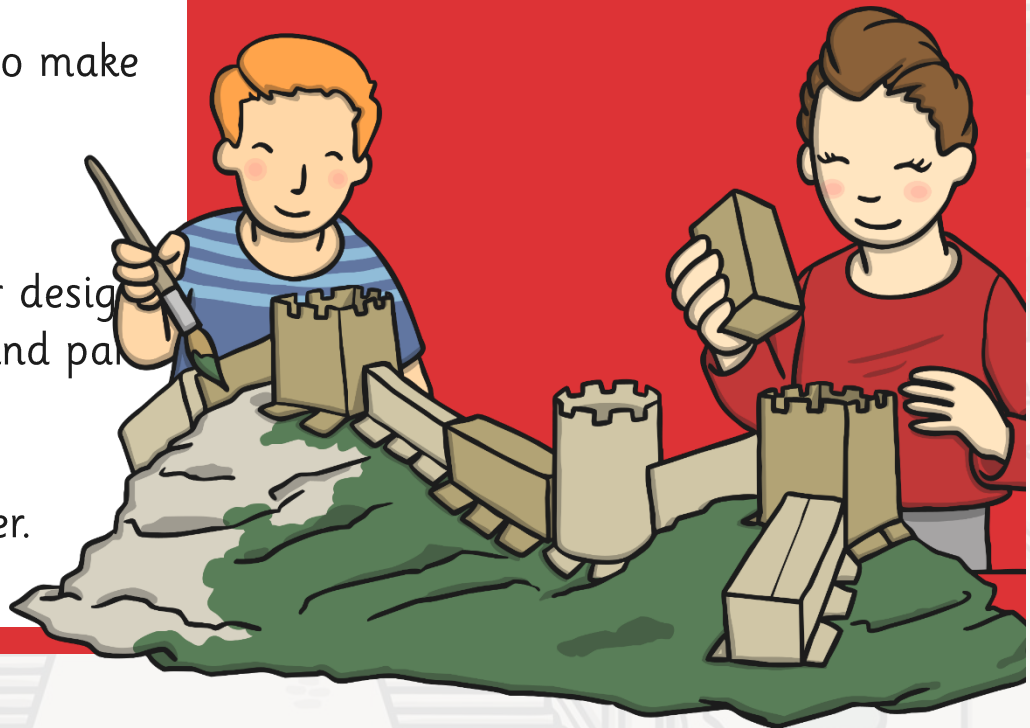
Task:

You are going to create a model of the Great Wall of China using different materials.

The aim of the activity is to make the longest wall in the lesson time!

Plan your ideas using your design sheet, labelling materials and parts of the wall.

Remember to use your ruler.



Great Wall of China Challenge



The Great Wall of China Design Sheet

Work together to draw a plan for your model of the Great Wall of China. What materials will you use? Use labels if you can.

Look in your work pack for the sheet labelled lesson 3. Pop your designs onto your portfolio on dojo. I cannot wait to see them.