

LITTLE EXPLORERS LET'S GO

MUSEUM



SECURITY GUARD



RESTORING
RELICS



MORE THAN
30 FLAPS!



GIFT SHOP



EXCITING
EXHIBITS

MUSEUM MAP



LIFT THE FLAPS TO
EXPLORE A MUSEUM
INSIDE AND OUT!

VISITING THE MUSEUM

This building is a museum. People come to museums to see interesting things. Big museums like this are usually found in cities, but towns and villages have museums too!

Museums of all kinds

There are lots of different museums – from big ones filled with art and objects from around the world, to small ones that tell you about local history.

MUSEUM

ENTRANCE

Display board

STAFF

Here, there and everywhere

The museum has exhibitions on lots of different things. Some museums specialize in subjects such as space, natural history, or science. You can find specialist museums in the strangest places!

DINOSAURS

PAINTINGS

SPACE

COSTUMES

Going in

This is the museum entrance, where visitors come in. The people who work at the museum have their own way in. Can you spot the staff entrance?

Who works here?

Lots of people work at the museum, including ticket sellers, security guards, volunteers, curators and gift shop and cafe staff.

Who goes to the museum?

People who come to the museum are called visitors. All kinds of people like to visit, including families, tourists and school children. Have you ever been to a museum?

School group

Say "Cheese!"

How to get here

Many museums are near public transport so that people can travel to them easily and they get plenty of visitors.

TRAIN STATION

We're here!

INSIDE THE MUSEUM

Welcome to the museum! There is lots to see as you step inside the foyer. Let's have a look around.

CLOAKROOM

Cloakroom

Museums often have cloakrooms where you can leave your bags and coats. In some, you hand over your bag and get a ticket, then use the ticket to get your bag back when you want to leave. Others have lockers that you use yourself.

TICKETS

Ticket officer

Two please!

Tickets, please

For some museums, you need to buy a ticket online or from the ticket desk or visitor reception. Other museums are free, but will sometimes ask for a donation.

Map

Finding your way

Museums can be very big places! Normally you will find a map in the foyer which shows visitors the way around. Don't get lost!

TOILETS

Is everyone ready?

Collections

The name for everything a museum has on display is a collection. Museums collect items for different reasons. They might be famous works of art, very old or very rare items.

Look at that detail!

EXHIBITION

See a show

A special show at a museum is called an exhibition.

ART

Art museums display all kinds of art, such as paintings, sculptures, photographs, clothes and films from the past and present.

Portrait galleries

A portrait is a work of art that depicts a person. A portrait gallery might show lots of portraits from different periods in time.



This portrait is my favourite!

Modern masterpieces

Modern art museums show art made after about 1860. The Tate Modern in London has almost 200,000 works of art!

Controlling the environment

The lighting in an art museum is very important. Some paintings look different under different kinds of light.



Super sculptures

A sculpture is a 3D work of art, like a statue. Sculptures can be made from all sorts of materials, like marble, glass, metal and even sand!



Sculpture



Audio guides

In some museums, you can borrow headphones and listen to information and stories about the exhibits as you explore.

Audio guide



Digital art

Out of this world!

Immersive museums use technology to make visitors feel like they are part of the art. Light, sound, video, virtual reality and even smells spark your senses and make you feel like you have stepped into another world.

Is this real?



SCIENCE

At science museums, you can join in with experiments, see incredible inventions and learn all about our planet... and beyond!

Space suit

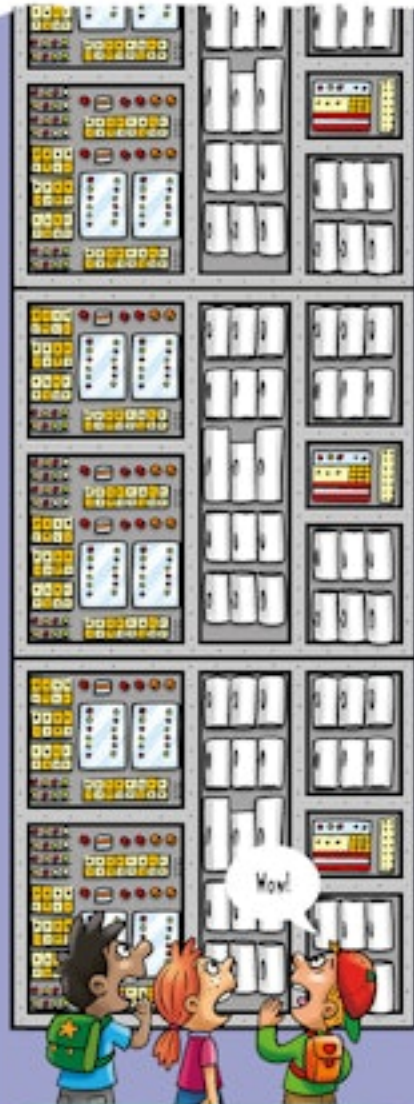
Out of this world

At a space museum you can find out about historic space missions and discoveries. You might see rockets, space suits, robots, telescopes and maybe even a piece of Moon rock.



A taste of space!

Some museums have a special cinema called a planetarium. Visitors can see the night sky and take a virtual voyage through space, zooming in on planets, moons and stars.



Terrific technology

This is an old computer – it fills a whole room! Science museums often have old versions of things like computers, phones and cars. We can learn how they were invented and how they have changed over time.

Experimenting

Some science museums let you do experiments. You could have a go at making lightning (safely!), learn about forces by slipping down a giant slide or discover the science of bubbles.



Our planet

Natural history museums teach you all about the science of the natural world through exhibits including skeletons, fossils, preserved extinct animals and plants – and even shaking earthquake machines.

Sabre toothed tiger



Electrostatic generator



Science in action

The best thing about science museums is that they are often interactive – this means you can learn about science through play. Have fun!

HISTORY

History museums take you on a time-travel adventure, showing everything from ancient civilisations to events that happened just 100 years ago!

School trips

Museums organise school trips and sometimes put on special shows and activities. This group are drawing vases from ancient Greece!



Historical places

Sites of historical events are sometimes made into museums. The Anne Frank Museum in the Netherlands is where Anne Frank, a young girl who lived during World War II wrote her famous diary.



Ancient worlds

Museums often have items from people who lived hundreds or even thousands of years ago. Here is the mask of Tutankhamun, who was king of Egypt more than three thousand years ago!



"I'll turn the heat down a bit."

Gallery technician



Handle with care

Many of the objects in history museums are very old. They need to be handled carefully so they don't get damaged. A gallery technician controls the temperature, moisture and lighting in each room. They also have to protect against insects!



War museums

War museums show us how technology has changed over time, and help us remember and reflect on important moments in history.



Other lives

Cultural history museums teach us about communities, like the Anglo Saxon outdoor museum in the UK that shows what life was like 1000 years ago!



"Have a look inside!"

Through the screen

You can visit some museums through a tablet or mobile phone. Take a tour without ever leaving your home!



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Many items in museums are very valuable. Workers have to make sure they are kept in good condition and are protected from damage, or even theft!



Security systems

Museums have systems in place to stop anyone touching or taking the items. These might be cameras, security guards, glass cases and heavy locks.

PLEASE TOUCH



Interactive exhibits

Interactive exhibits are made for visitors to touch and play with. Go wild!

To touch or not to touch

Museums often have buttons and displays you can interact with. But you shouldn't touch anything unless there is a sign saying you can.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH



Invigilator

The invigilator helps visitors find their way and makes sure all the rules are followed. They usually wear a smart uniform.



We're on camera



On display

Museums often put artwork and other valuable or delicate items behind glass to protect them.



Back to front

In some museums, you are asked to wear your backpack on your front. This is to stop you accidentally knocking a priceless vase off its stand!

What's in the next gallery?



BEHIND THE SCENES

A lot goes on at a museum that visitors don't get to see. Let's take a look!

Libraries and archives

Photographs, books, research papers and important documents relating to museum artefacts are stored safely in a place called an archive. People who research these objects can come and look at them.

Conserving the past

Conservators clean and repair the museum's artefacts. It's a tricky balance between protecting the item for the future and saving its original features.

In storage

Museums don't always have room to put everything on display at once. Some items are kept in storage until they are needed for a new exhibition.

STORE ROOM

Art restorer

Old paintings can easily get damaged and dirty. Art restorers use special tools and products to carefully clean them and repair tears without harming the original paintwork.

Curious Curators

Curators decide what items to buy and display in the museum. Curators are the managers of the museum, making sure that visitors have a good experience.

Making history

The information given about an exhibit often comes from a historian who knows all about the past and carries out research.

MUSEUM SHOP

After you've explored the museum, why not visit the gift shop?

Souvenirs

Souvenirs are things that remind you of your visit. Museum souvenirs might have the name or logo of the museum or pictures of special items from the museum.

Keep on learning

The fun of learning doesn't have to stop at the museum! In the shop, you can buy books that teach you more about the things the museum has on display. Hooray!

Paying it forward

The money you pay at cafés and shops usually goes back into the museum so that others can enjoy it in future.



REFRESHMENTS

Walking around a museum is thirsty work! Many museums have a place where visitors can buy food and drinks after a long day out.

Picnicking

Picnic areas are spaces for people to eat food outside and enjoy the museum's views.



Take a break

There are places inside the museum that you can stop and take a break to do activities.

Do you remember what jobs these people do?

Look back through the book to see if you can find them.

