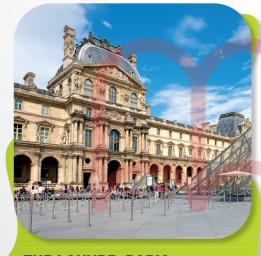


## MEGA MUSEUMS



## THE BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON

The British Museum is a museum of human history and culture. Its collection of over seven million objects from all continents is one of the largest in the world. The museum opened in 1759 and it started off with the collection of a man called Sir Hans Sloane. In 1883, part of Sloane's collection of plants and animal bones was moved to another building to create the Natural History Museum. Until 1997, the British Museum was also the home of the British Library, which was then moved to a new building. Today in its place is the Great Court, the largest covered square in Europe. Admission is free and the museum has about 6 million visitors every year.



## THE LOUVRE, PARIS

The Louvre is the world's largest museum and houses one of the most impressive art collections in history. It is located next to the Seine River in Paris and is one of the city's biggest tourist attractions. The museum was first built as a fortress to protect Paris from Viking attacks in the 12th century. Later, it became home to the French monarchs and was eventually opened to the public in 1793. Nowadays visitors can view great works like the *Mona Lisa*, as well as pieces from ancient civilisations such as Egypt, Greece, and Rome.



## THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, also known as 'The Met', is a museum located next to Central Park in the heart of the city. It opened in 1872 and it has a collection of about two million works of art from Ancient Egyptian to modern times. It's also got a large collection of costumes, photographs, musical instruments and antique weapons and armour. 'The Met' is the most visited attraction in New York City with about 5.2 million visitors every year.

B. Read again and write B for The British Museum,
M for The Met or L for The Louvre.

- 1. This museum started from a personal collection.
- 2. This museum is the most popular in its city.
- **3.** This museum is the largest of the three.
- 4. You can't see most of this museum's collection.
- **5.** This museum has got the most objects of the three.



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