



# QUICK COMPREHENSION- BIG BEN



'Big Ben' is actually the nickname for the huge bell of the clock at the top of the Elizabeth Tower, on the north side of the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London. Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster were designed by English architect Augustus Pugin. Big Ben is the world's largest four-faced chiming clock and it became operational (started working) in 1859. The four faces of the clock are 7m across and are 55m above the ground. The hour hand is 2.7m long, and the minute hand is 4.3m long. On Remembrance Day, Big Ben's chimes are broadcast to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. To reach Big Ben's belfry, you would need to walk up a staggering 334 steps!



**Five W's** - Write the correct answer in the box.

What is Big Ben?	
Where is Big Ben?	
Who designed Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster?	
How many steps to reach the belfry?	

**Matching** - Draw lines to join the information.

Clock faces	7m across
Architect	1859
Became operational	Augustus Pugin

**True or False** - Write T (True) or F (False).

Big Ben is the name of the bell.	
Big Ben has four clock faces.	
Big Ben is in New York.	
The clock's minute hand is 2.7m long.	

**Fill in the Gap** - Write the missing word from the text.

Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster were _____ by English architect Augustus Pugin.
The four faces of the clock are 7m _____ and are 55m above the ground.
The _____ hand is 2.7m long, and the minute hand is 4.3m long.
To reach Big Ben's belfry, you would need to _____ up a staggering 334 steps!

**Multiple Choice** - How high above the ground are the clock faces? (Circle the correct answer)

**Sequence in Order** - In what order do these appear in the text? (Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the smaller boxes)

**Circle the Word** - Circle the word that means to make or draw plans for something.

Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster were designed by English architect Augustus Pugin.

**Find and Copy** - Write the word that suggests it could be a tiring walk up the steps to the belfry!

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# QUICK COMPREHENSION - ANSWERS



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**Five W's** - Write the correct answer in the box.

What is Big Ben?	A bell
Where is Big Ben?	Westminster/ London
Who designed Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster?	Augustus Pugin
How many steps to reach the belfry?	334

**Matching** - Draw lines to join the information.

Clock faces	→	7m across
Architect	→	1859
Became operational	→	Augustus Pugin

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The clock's minute hand is 2.7m long.	F

**Fill in the Gap** - Write the missing word from the text.

Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster were **designed** by English architect Augustus Pugin.

The four faces of the clock are 7m **across** and are 55m above the ground.

The **hour** hand is 2.7m long, and the minute hand is 4.3m long.

To reach Big Ben's belfry, you would need to **walk** up a staggering 334 steps!

**Multiple Choice** - How high above the ground are the clock faces? (Circle the correct answer)

7m

55m

4.3m

334m

**Sequence in Order** In what order do these appear in the text? (Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the smaller boxes)

north

1

broadcast

4

architect

2

chiming

3

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