

## Capitol Building Reading Passage

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Have you ever wondered where the laws of the United States are made? It's in a very special building called the Capitol Building, located in Washington, D.C. The Capitol is one of the most important buildings in the country. It is where members of the Congress meet to discuss



The Capitol Building has a huge dome that you can see from far away. The dome is made of iron and painted white. Inside the dome, there is beautiful artwork called "The Apotheosis of Washington." It shows George Washington, the first President of the United States, being lifted to the heavens.

There are two main parts to the Capitol Building: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is on one side, and the House of Representatives is on the other. Each part has its own chambers where the Senators and Representatives meet. There are 100 Senators and 435 Representatives.

The Capitol Building is not just for making laws. It is also a museum with many historical items and statues. One of the most famous statues is the Statue of Freedom, which stands on top of the dome. There are also

The Capitol grounds are beautiful, with gardens, trees, and fountains. Many people visit the Capitol every year to learn about the government and see the amazing architecture. There are guided tours that take visitors through the building and explain its history.

Security is very important at the Capitol Building. There are guards and security checks to make sure everyone is safe. Visitors must go through metal detectors, and bags are checked before entering the building.

Visiting the Capitol Building can be a fun and educational experience. It helps people understand how the government works and why the Capitol is such an important place. Next time you are in Washington, D.C., make sure to visit this historic site!



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  - a. The Apotheosis of Washington
  - b. The Liberty Bell c. The Declaration of Independence
  - d. Theodore Roosevelt



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- a. 50
- b. 100
- c. 200
- d. 435

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Circle the correct answer.

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  - a. True
  - b. False

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