

THE MUSÉE D'ORSAY ▶ 14



1 Work with a partner. Read the statements and decide if they are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The Musée d'Orsay is a museum situated in Paris, France. T / F
- 2 The Musée d'Orsay was a factory before it became a museum. T / F
- 3 The Musée d'Orsay contains a lot of abstract and contemporary art. T / F
- 4 The building that houses the Musée d'Orsay has many windows with good views of the city. T / F

2 ▶ 14 Watch the video and check your answers to Exercise 1. Correct the false statements if you can.

3 ▶ 14 Watch the video and match the figures to the correct phrases.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1848–1914 | a when the museum first opened |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1900s | b the amount of glass in the building |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1971 | c the period when the building was a train station |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 1986 | d the number of museum visitors today |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> several million | e the period in which the artworks were painted |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 35,000 | f when developers wanted to pull down the building |

4 ▶ 14 Read and answer the questions. Then watch the video again and check your answers.

- 1 What two things is the Musée d'Orsay famous for?
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- 2 What was different about the trains that arrived at the d'Orsay station?
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- 3 Why did the station close?
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- 4 Who saved the building in the 1970s?
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- 5 How many floors does the Musée d'Orsay have?
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- 6 What is the inspiration for much of the art that is displayed in the museum?
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5 🗨️ Work in small groups. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Would you like to visit the Musée d'Orsay? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Do you have a favourite museum? Which one is it? Why?
- 3 Do you think it's a good idea to give old buildings a new purpose? Why? / Why not?
- 4 Is there an old building in your town that could be remodeled and given a new purpose? Give details.