



## Unit 2 Unique Places

### Compréhension à partir d'une vidéo

Comprendre les caractéristiques d'une construction – Niveau B1

Titre de la vidéo\* : Megastructures: Beijing Water Cub

Lien vers la vidéo: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7nxi\\_qOJ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7nxi_qOJ4)

Durée : 2'12"

Sous-titres : non

\* à rentrer dans le moteur de recherche si le lien ne fonctionne plus

### PART 1 Watch the first 27 seconds of the video

■ Dites oralement (en anglais ou en français) ce que vous pouvez voir. Nommez les monuments ou sites que vous reconnaissez.

We can see some famous Chinese monuments: the Temple of Heaven – the Forbidden City – the Great Wall of China. Then we can see a Chinese town by night, with high buildings and towers.

### PART 2 Watch the video in full

1. Regardez le document en entier et cochez la bonne réponse.

- ☐ This video presents China's capital.  
☐ This video presents different Chinese monuments.  
☒ This video presents an amazing Chinese building.

2. Reliez l'information demandée au nom correspondant.

- a. The name of the firm. • e. Beijing  
b. The name of the building. • f. Megastructures  
c. The place where it was built. • g. 2008 Summer Olympics  
d. The event for which it was built. • h. National Aquatic Centre

3. Dites si les affirmations ci-dessous sont vraies ou fausses.

	Right	Wrong
a. China has erected some of the greatest monuments on earth.	X	
b. There are no more astonishing buildings in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century.		X
c. The National Aquatic Centre is a gigantic greenhouse that heats and cools itself.	X	
d. The National Aquatic Centre is built out of bubble-wrap.	X	
e. The man with a hard hat says that the building looks a bit crazy and it is not safe.		X
f. The team who built the National Aquatic Centre had made the impossible a reality.	X	

### PART 3 Watch the video: 0'00'' – 1'00''

■ Regardez la première partie de la vidéo et cochez la bonne réponse.

1. China's greatest monuments are made of:

☒ a. steel    ☐ b. iron    ☐ c. wood    ☒ d. concrete    ☒ e. glass    ☒ f. stone

2. The National Aquatic Centre has a skeleton which is so strong:

☐ a. it could never end    ☒ b. it could stand on end

3. The National Aquatic Centre can resist:

☒ a. an earthquake    ☐ b. a tsunami

4. The National Aquatic Centre has a very thin skin which can:

☒ a. put out fire    ☐ b. resist gun shots

### PART 4 Watch the video: 1'00'' – 1'58''

■ Complétez le script. Si besoin, utilisez les mots de la liste ci-dessous.

**1:00 / 1:20**

**First man:** Can you imagine building a building out of this? Essentially, we are building a building out of **bubble wrap**, you know.

**Second man:** I just say it's **perfect** - OK"

**Voice-over:** What the **Olympic** crowds won't see is the sweat, brains and guts that got this megastructure built, the struggle to believe in the **incredible**...

**1:20 / 1:37**

**Woman:** We were all a bit **stunned**, really— you want to what?

**Voice-over:** (...) the **lives** put on hold...

**Third man:** My wife didn't want to **speak** to me for a while.

**Voice-over:** ... and a hard hat\* highwire-axed **30** meters high.

**Fourth man:** "- It looks a bit crazy, but it is **safe**".

**1:37 / 1:58**

**Voice-over:** The National Aquatic Centre: a **visionary** piece of eco-architecture and a **brilliant** monument to 21<sup>st</sup> century China.

And it's also a tribute to a **team** that conquered fear and doubt and didn't **quit** until they had made the impossible a **reality**.

*List: lives – reality – bubble wrap – team – speak – quit – visionary – stunned – Olympic – perfect – brilliant – safe – thirty – incredible.*

### PART 5 Speak

Expliquez oralement (en anglais) pourquoi ce centre aquatique est vraiment exceptionnel. Donnez votre avis sur cette construction.

## Script de la video

**Voice-over:** China, for thousands of years, it's proclaimed its greatness and power by erecting some of the greatest monuments on earth. And as China rose back to world power status in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it's once again proclaiming its power in steel and concrete, glass and stone.

But even in today's China, it doesn't get any more amazing than this.

In Beijing, China's capital, workers are constructing one of the most astonishing buildings ever built.

When Beijing lights the Olympic torch, the eyes of the world will be on the incredible National Aquatic Centre, a gigantic greenhouse that heats and cools itself, with a skeleton so strong it could stand on end and shrug off an earthquake and a wafer-thin skin that puts out its own fire.

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*\*A hard hat (US: un ouvrier du BTP)*