

Adjectives to describe architecture

What adjectives can you use to describe buildings/ architecture? Brainstorm a list and then compare with the list below.

1960s	Ancient
Art Nouveau	Bad taste
Beautiful/ Gorgeous	Boring/ Dull/ Bland
Brick	Brightly coloured
Classic	Classical
Concrete	Dated
Ecologically friendly/ Green	Elegant
Famous/ Infamous	Gothic
Huge	Iconic
Impressive	Influential
Innovative	Kitsch
Low rise	Luxurious
Medieval	Minimalist
Mock Tudor	Modern
Modernist	Multi-storey/ High-rise
Old-fashioned	Ornate
Over-the-top	Plain
Pebble-dashed	Timber
Plate glass	Post-modern
Radical/ Revolutionary	Renaissance
Residential	Romanesque
Ruined	Rundown
Simple	Single-storey
Spacious	Stunning
Tall	Timeless
Traditional	Ugly/ Hideous
Unexceptional	Uninspiring
Unique	Wooden
Timbered	

Choose a building that you think your partner will know and describe it until they guess what you are thinking of. They can only guess once for each sentence you say.

Choose one of the categories above and discuss which building is “the most...”/ “the ... est” with your partner.

Do the same for the most radical/ revolutionary, influential and/ or innovative buildings.

What inventions have most changed architecture, do you think? What are the histories of those inventions?