



## Intermediate 1 ( I – 1 ) Famous Landmarks and Monuments

### Article 7: The Leaning Tower of Pisa



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The Leaning Tower of Pisa was originally built as a bell tower but today is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Italy. It was constructed from 1117 to 1370 and **leans** because the foundation it lies on is unstable **subsoil** made up of a combination of sand, clay and water. Leaning 14,5 feet out of line from the top, the tower is part of a complex of three buildings, a baptistery, a church and a bell tower. Together the three form the Cathedral of Pisa. The Tower was built during the Romanesque period and is therefore known for its colorful marble and arches. According to legend, Italian **physicist** Galileo made some of his famous experiments with falling weights in 1589 from the top of the tipped tower.

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Let's Talk !

What are some of the famous landmarks in your city?

Which famous landmarks and monuments would you like to visit to if you were to do a world trip?