

The Statue of Liberty

Vocabulary

copper — медный, медь

harbour — гавань

pedestal — пьедестал

torch — факел

tablet — дощечка (с надписью)

shackle — кандалы, оковы

elevator — лифт

The Statue of Liberty is the large **copper** statue that stands on Liberty Island in New York **Harbour**. Its proper name is «Liberty Enlightening the World». This statue is the largest ever made. The statue represents a proud woman, dressed in a loose robe that falls in graceful folds to the top of the **pedestal** on which the statue stands. The right arm holds a great **torch** raised high in the air. The left arm grasps a **tablet** bearing the date of the Declaration of Independence. A crown with huge spikes, like sun rays, rests on the head. At the feet is a broken **shackle**, which people seldom notice, symbolizing the overthrow of tyranny. The statue weighs 450,000 pounds. The torch gleams at night as a symbol of liberty shedding light upon the world.

An **elevator** carries visitors up the pedestal to the foot of the statue. At this point, an observation balcony affords a magnificent view of the harbour and the city. Visitors may climb a narrow spiral staircase from the pedestal as high as the crown on the statue's head. A ladder inside the arm leads to the torch but it is not for public use because it's too narrow.

Frederic Auguste Bartholdi designed this statue and chose its site. Bartholdi also spent a great deal of time and energy raising funds in France and the United States to bring the plan to completion.

France presented the monument to the United States on July 4, 1884 as a symbol of friendship and of the liberty that citizens enjoy under a free form of government. The statue was shipped to the United States in 1885 and became a national monument.

I. Say if the sentence is true or false:

1. The Statue of Liberty is made of copper.
2. It is situated in Washington.

3. This statue is the largest statue in the world.
4. It was designed by the people of France.
5. It was presented to the USA by France as a symbol of friendship between two countries.
6. The statue represents a man holding a torch in his right hand as a symbol of liberty.
7. The monument is devoted to the Declaration of Independence.
8. Inside the right arm there is a staircase.
9. You can enjoy the view of the whole city from the observation balcony at the foot of the statue.
10. The statue was transported to the USA by special cars.

II. Answer the questions:

1. Where does the Statue of Liberty stand?
2. What is it made of?
3. Who was it designed by?
4. Whom does it represent?
5. What is there at the feet of the statue?
6. When was the monument presented to the USA?
7. What does the statue symbolize?
8. What is there inside the statue?
9. Who chose the place for the statue?
10. How was the statue transported to the USA?