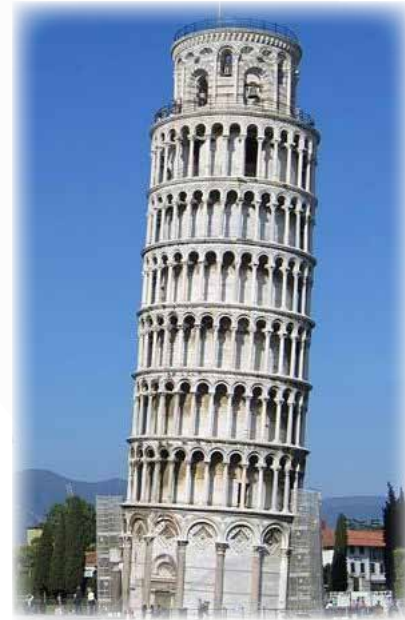


# Leaning Tower of Pisa

## Wonders of the Medieval World

The Leaning Tower of Pisa wasn't designed to lean. About eight hundred years ago, the city leaders of Pisa decided that their beautiful cathedral needed a bell tower. The Bell Tower of Pisa, as it might have been called, started having problems in the early days of its construction. Thanks to mushy ground beneath part of the tower's foundation, the famous lean was noticed almost immediately. However, that didn't bother anyone too much—they kept building until the tower was completed.

In recent centuries, architects and engineers have worked together to secure the tower's foundations. In other words, the tower will still lean, but it shouldn't ever fall over.



### Activity:

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is essentially an accidental wonder. If it had been built on a solid foundation, it probably never would have made this list. Brainstorm some other ideas for accidental wonders or just hilarious mishaps. What if the White House had been covered in paint that turned bright pink in the sunlight?

Do you remember what some of them look like? Draw it here.

## Word Search:

P Q R V O K G E H A N  
T B S N V R L P R K B  
L A C I R D N I L Y C  
S O V A T L H S O F T  
E N G R N B R A G A S  
D A S K A X V Z L S N  
L A R C H I T E C T B  
G S K Z G B A B X K R  
T H R X O N V A H L Z  
R Z K B S E J E K N B

architect

Pisa

cylindrical

soft

leans

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## Fill In The Blank:

Choose the correct answer from the word list given on the previous activity.

1. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is \_\_\_\_\_ in shape and is world famous simply because it \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Tower's tilt is the result of being built on a \_\_\_\_\_ soil bed.
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who designs houses, office buildings, skyscrapers, landscapes and guides in their construction.
4. The Italian city of \_\_\_\_\_ is home to this well-known bell tower.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The top of the Leaning Tower can be reached by mounting the 294 steps which rise in the form of a spiral on the inner side of the tower walls.