



Last week, Dubai officially opened the largest and tallest **ferris wheel** in the world. There was a big show to celebrate the opening.

The wheel is called Ain Dubai, and it took more than six years to build. It is 250 meters tall, and workers used 11,200 tons of steel.. The steel center of the wheel weighs 1,805 tons, which is the same as four planes. The wheel stands on an island, so it was necessary to **drill** in the **bedrock** underneath, to make sure that the wheel would not fall down. There are 48 cabins, and each of them can carry 40 people.

Dubai is the business center of Western Asia, and the tallest building in the world is also there. Millions of people visit this building every year, but the wheel will make the city even more attractive for tourists.

Difficult words: **ferris wheel** (a large wheel which slowly turns around and people can ride on it), **drill** (to make a long hole), **bedrock** (a hard rock in the ground which is under the soil or sand).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the word: *ferris wheel, drill and bedrock*
2. Where can we find the largest and tallest ferris wheel in the world?
3. How long did it take them to build Ain Dubai?
4. Why did they need to drill the bedrock underneath when they build the ferris wheel?
5. A total of how many people can the ferris wheel carry?
6. Apart from this largest and tallest ferris wheel in the world, what else is Dubai known for?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Have you ever visited Dubai? When? *If no*, would you like to if given a chance?
2. Do you like riding ferris wheel? Would like to ride on the largest and tallest ferris wheel in the world?
3. What are the major tourist attractions in your country that often get a lot of visitors every year?