

Episode 3: The Terracotta Army, China

1. Before you listen to this episode check out the following vocabulary items:

a tomb (noun) a place where a dead person is buried (e.g. he is buried in a marble tomb)

an emperor (noun) the male ruler of an empire (e.g. Julius Caesar was a Roman emperor)

a tour guide (noun phrase) someone whose job is to show interesting places to visitors (e.g. The tour guide showed us all the interesting places in London)

height (noun) how tall or high something is (e.g. she is about the same height as me)

an insect (noun) a small creature with six legs, for example a bee or a fly (e.g. an insect bit me on the arm.)

unique (adjective) different from everyone and everything else (e.g. everyone's fingerprints are unique.)

immortal (adjective) immortality (noun) NB stress is different on the adjective and the noun living or lasting forever (e.g. the Emperor believed that he was immortal)

a booby trap (noun phrase) something dangerous that is hidden inside somewhere that looks safe (e.g. the bodyguard was killed while checking the president's car for booby traps).



2. Listen to Episode 3 <https://soundcloud.com/cambridge-english/virtually-anywhere-episode-3> and put these events in order.

- Chang Ying tells Geeta and Paul about the Emperor Qin Shi Huang's tomb.
- They meet their tour guide, Chang Ying.
- Paul and Geeta have the idea to use Virtually Anywhere to see inside the Emperor's tomb.
- Paul jumps down to check how tall the warriors are.
- Geeta, Paul and the Professor disappear.
- Paul and Geeta are transported to the Terracotta Army.

Key: a 4; b 2; c 5; d 3; e 6; f 1

3. Look at the sentences below. Can you remember any of the facts and figures missing from the sentences? Listen again and fill in the gaps.

- a. The Terracotta Army was discovered in _____.
- b. Experts believe that there are over _____ soldiers here.
- c. Their average height is about _____ tall.
- d. The army took about _____ to build.
- e. The whole army would take up about _____!
- f. Approximately _____ people worked on both the army and the tomb.
- g. The Emperor's tomb is about _____ away from here.

Key: a. 1974 - b. 8,000 - c. 1.7 metres - d. 40 years - e. 1,700 square metres - f. 700,000 - g. a mile

4. Practise saying the numbers from the exercise aloud.

5. Do the learning activities online at <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/val003-virtually-anywhere-episode-3> to practise the words you've heard (gli esercizi si trovano cliccando nell'ultimo riquadro della pagina, sotto "Download the Lesson Plan for episode 3").