

# The Mall of America



The Mall of America is a shopping mall in Minnesota, USA. It is famous for being the largest mall shopping center in the United States. **It** opened in 1992 and has become one of the **top** tourist destinations in the country. The Mall of America has a total area of 390,000 m<sup>2</sup>, with 230,000 m<sup>2</sup> **available** as shop space. There are over 520 shops inside the mall, and more than 11, 000 people work there. If you were to spend just 10 minutes in each store, it would take you 86 hours to complete your visit.

The Mall of America is almost like a city within a city. **In addition** to the 520 shops there are restaurants and lots of different kinds of entertainment. There are over 400 events held in the various stores and open areas at the Mall of America each year, and people even go there to get married. There have been more than 500 weddings held there since it opened. There is a theme park inside the mall and visitors can ride on roller coasters. Recently the mall opened a new sea life aquarium. Visitors can see more than 10,000 sea creatures, including fish, sharks, sea turtles and jellyfish.



1. According to the article, where is the Mall of America located?

- a) in 1992
  - b) in Minnesota
  - c) in New York
  - d) in the center of the United States
2. The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to:
- a) Minnesota
  - b) the country
  - c) The Mall of America
  - d) The United States
3. The word "top" in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by
- a) popular
  - b) highest
  - c) tallest
  - d) similar
4. The word "available" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to
- a) open
  - b) purchase
  - c) necessary
  - d) expensive
5. The phrase "in addition" is closest in meaning to
- a) as well as
  - b) in terms of
  - c) as opposed to
  - d) with regards to
6. According to the article, how many weddings have been held at the Mall of America?
- a) about 400
  - b) less than 500
  - c) more than 500
  - d) more than 10,000
7. The word "creatures" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to
- a) visitors
  - b) animals
  - c) attractions
  - d) aquariums

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (b)