

Museums

A museum is a special building that contains assorted interesting **items**. Museums have **valuable** items such as artwork and very old, **historical** objects. These items are cared for, **studied** and **displayed** for visitors to **examine**.

Museum objects can be **exhibited** in different ways. **Fragile** and **flimsy** items are usually kept in displays, but strong items are not. Some objects are kept behind a **barrier**, a pane of glass, in a special case or behind ropes. Some hang from the ceiling.

Sometimes museums have displays which people are **permitted**, or allowed, to touch. These displays might play a movie, make sounds or can even make objects move. Adults and children enjoy these displays.

People visit museums for fun, to learn about things and to explore things they don't see every day. Museums make us wonder more about the world.



This **prehistoric** creature was once alive.

A popular museum activity is the **examination** of **fossils**, the prehistoric remains of living things.

Fossils help us to imagine how big dinosaurs were.



These butterflies were once alive.

The butterflies are very delicate.

They are housed in a **cabinet** to keep them safe.