

THE REAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



In *Night at the Museum* Larry is a guard at the Museum of Natural History. It is a real museum in New York. We asked some questions about this very interesting place ...

Q: Where is the American Museum of Natural History?

A: It's in Manhattan, New York. It's very near Central Park like in the film.

Q: When did the museum first open?

A: It opened in 1869. The father of President Roosevelt and some other people started it.

Q: Are all the people and animals from the film really in the museum?

A: Most of them. There's a big statue of Theodore Roosevelt at the door. There are also the bones of a dinosaur. But it isn't a T-Rex – it's a Barosaurus. The Pharaoh Ahkmenrah isn't there. He wasn't a real person. But there are some Egyptian coffins.

Q: What other things can you see there?

A: It's a very, very big place. You can see things from every time in history and every place in the world! One of the most



The famous blue whale

famous things you can see is a very big blue whale. It is more than 28 metres long! Also, the Dinosaur Halls are fantastic. They have more than a million things to see there.



Inside the Dinosaur Halls

What famous museums are there in your country? What can you see there?

A TERRIBLE THEFT

On 29 October 1964 there was a terrible theft from the museum. Some people opened a bathroom window earlier in the day. That night they got into the museum. They took some very famous jewels.



Later, the police found most of the jewels in a Miami bus station. But they never found the Eagle Diamond. Where is it today? No one knows.

FILMING AT THE MUSEUM

Do we see the real museum in the film? Well, the pictures of the front are real. But they didn't film in the museum. They made a copy of the museum in Vancouver, Canada and filmed those scenes there. It's just like the real place!

MORE FAMOUS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS

There are many other famous museums in the world. You can see many fantastic things there. Here are some of them:

The Natural History Museum, London
Egyptian coffins

Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC
Hope Diamond

Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City
Aztec calendar



Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Head and foot of a dodo

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

dinosaur whale theft jewels diamond copy calendar