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The Great Wall of China is the longest structure ever built. It is more than 4,000 miles long **(and)** can even be seen from outer **(space)**! An ancient Chinese emperor ordered the **(wall)** built to keep out enemies. That **(was)** more than two thousand years ago. **(The)** emperor's soldiers rounded up people **(and)** marched them off to begin work **(on)** the Great Wall. The wall was **(built)** completely by hand. It took tens **(of)** thousands of people to build the **(Great)** Wall. The wall was made of **(stone)**, brick, and dirt. Watchtowers and forts **(were)** added every one hundred yards. The **(Great)** Wall was built to match China's landscape. It stretches east to west **(across)** deserts and through mountains. The wall **(was)** built to be about 30 feet high. **(It)** was also very thick. The base **(of)** the wall is about 25 feet thick. **(At)** the top, it is about 15 feet **(thick)**. On top of the wall was **(a)** road where Chinese soldiers traveled back **(and)** forth.

The Chinese workers had to **(work)** day and night. Most of them **(did)** not have a choice. Some Chinese **(spent)** their entire lives working on the **(Great)** Wall. If workers tried to run **(away)** or complain, they were buried alive. **(If)** the Chinese did not work well, **(they)** were put to death. The Great **(Wall)** of China is often called the "**(longest)** graveyard" because so many people died **(while)** building the wall. The human cost **(of)** building this great wall was tremendous.



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