

The Quadriga on Brandenburg Gate

Choose the correct form of the verb and decide if the statements are "true" or "false".

- 1. The first mention of a quadriga has been/was in Babylonian times.
- 2. According to their mythology, it **had been/was** used to pull King Nebuchadnezzar's carriage.
- 3. If Germans **think/are thinking** of "The Quadriga", most of them **mean/are meaning** the quadriga on top of Brandenburg Gate.
- 4. This is not the only quadriga in Berlin. There **is/are** also quadrigas on top of Charlottenburg Gate, on both sides of the famous street "17. Juni".
- 5. It was **built/build** in 1793 by Johann Gottfried Schadow.
- 6. King Friedrich Wilhelm III **offered/was offering** it to Napoleon as a present when Napoleon **marched/was marching** towards Berlin.
- 7. Napoleon had it taken/had taken it to Paris in 1806.
- 8. The inhabitants of Paris immediately were falling/fell in love with the quadriga.
- 9. After it **had been/was being** in Paris for 6 years, the quadriga **were/was** returned to Berlin.
- 10. It may seem like a miracle, but the statue **got not/didn't get** damaged during the Second World War.
- 11. The Communist Government of East Berlin **was/has been** very fond of the entire statue.
- 12. The Senate in Berlin at the time **has asked/asked** specialists from the US to restore the quadriga.
- 13. The top of the quadriga is **reading up/reaches up** to height of about 26 m.
- 14. Since its restoration, the quadriga is facing/has been facing West Berlin.

Answers:

1. was, Talse
2. was, False (It was used to pull Marduk, the patron deity of Babylon's chariot)
3. think, mean, True
4. are, False
5. built, True
6. offered, marched, False (Napoleon seized it when he had conquered Berlin)
7. had it taken, True
8. fell, False (It was never shown to the general public)
9. had been, was, True
10. dian't get, False (It was severely damaged)
11. was, False (It was severely damaged)
12. asked, False (It was severely damaged)
13. reaches, True
13. reaches, True
13. reaches, True