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Read the letter. Then answer the questions.

A Tower of Strength

Dear Aaron,

Greetings from Paris! This is one of the most fascinating landmarks, the Eiffel Tower. It was built in 1889 as the entrance to the World's Fair, according to our tour guide.

The tower is over a thousand feet tall and consists of an iron lattice framework. The bottom is a four-legged arch, and the legs are attached together by two platforms in the middle. The top has an observation deck, but I chickened out! I did climb several hundred steps to the restaurant on the first level.

The four main girders are bolted to blocks of limestone at the bottom. The guide said the bolts are 25 feet long!

I wish you could see this amazing sight!

See you soon,
Samantha

**The Eiffel Tower soaring over
Champ de Mars Park**

1. How can you tell what iron lattice is?

2. How does the postcard support the explanation of the tower's construction?

3. Where do you think the steps Samantha climbed are?

4. What are the main girders? How do you know?

5. Where is Champ de Mars Park? How do you know?

6. Would the tower make a good entrance?

7. If you were taking a picture of the tower, what viewpoint would you choose?

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ANSWER KEY

1. The text mentions a framework, and the picture shows that the tower is like a grid without walls.
2. It shows how the legs come together to a point at the top, with crosspieces joining them in the middle.
3. Inside the framework; accept reasonable responses.
4. The legs the tower stands on; the text says there are four, at the bottom.
5. In Paris; the caption says the Eiffel Tower is there, and the text says the Eiffel Tower is in Paris.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Possible answers: beneath looking up, inside looking out