

Welcome to the Acropolis Museum!

My name is Iris, and I am the rainbow Goddess, the winged messenger of the Gods.

I know the Museum very well and I have come to help you. Let's go for a stroll together, counting from 1 to 10. Walk up the great glass staircase to the 1st floor of the Museum.



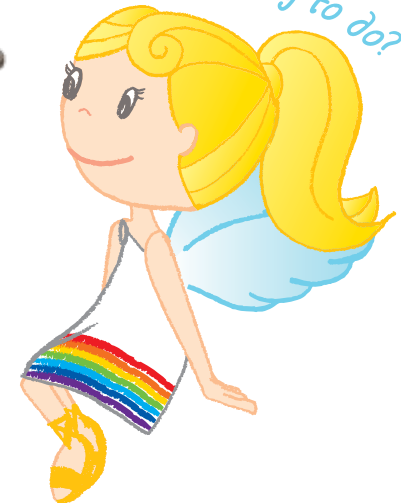
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dog,

guardian of the sanctuary of the Goddess Artemis on the Acropolis. Look carefully at its stance.



What is it preparing to do?



2

sphinxes,

mythical creatures with the head of a woman, the body of a lion, the tail of a snake and the wings of a bird!

Do you know any other mythical creatures?



3

daemons,

with the bodies of humans and coiled snakes' tails, create another strange winged being. Look how well their colors are preserved.

Search the Gallery to find the samples of the minerals from which these colors were made!



- red
- orange
- ochre
- blue
- green
- black



4

horses,

that drew a chariot. The charioteer has been lost.

What horsepower does your car have?



5

Caryatids,

female statues that once supported instead of columns a porch of the Erechtheion, a temple on the Acropolis. There were originally 6 but now 1 is in London.

Look for the differences and similarities on their hair and posture!



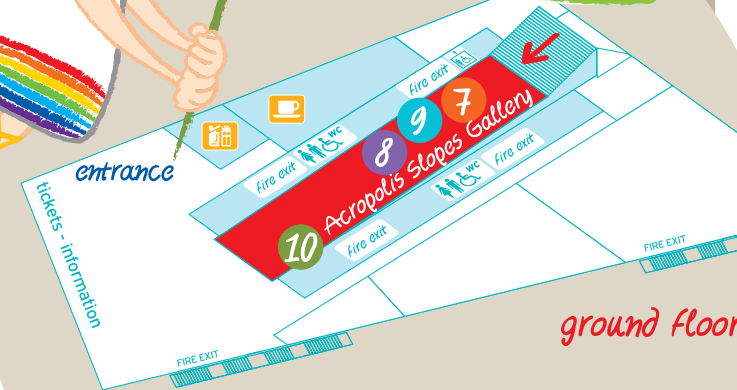
Well done! From number 6 onwards things get harder! Pay careful attention!

6

athletes,

that decorated the marble base of a statue that has now been lost. They have completed a competition, as they talk they are cleaning their bodies of dust, oil and sweat.

What is your favorite sport?



7

masks,

From the ancient theatre of Dionysos, just below the Acropolis. One of them is held by the young headless Dionysos who sits on the shoulders of the elderly Silen, the tutor of the god.



Imitate a mask with a happy expression and a mask with a sad one!



8

medical tools,

carved onto a marble base, dedicated by a doctor to the sanctuary of Asclepios, the God of medicine in ancient times.



Look around you and find other dedications made by people who were ill.



9

Figures,

on another dedication to the God Asclepios. You can see Goddess Persephone, next to the seated Goddess Demeter and Asclepios greeting a group of six doctors.



Look at the wreaths in which the doctors' names have been written. Write your own name inside the wreath!



10

ceramic "antefixes",

in the shape of a palmette (a plant). They decorated the ceramic roofs of ancient buildings.



Have you noticed similar antefixes in contemporary buildings?

Congratulations! I am so happy I was able to spend this time with you!



I'll be waiting for you to come again so we can have more of these adventures together!

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Family Trail

Counting 1 to 10 at the Acropolis Museum

for children aged 5-8 years



A Day at the Acropolis Museum

