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London's thinnest house sells for \$1.3 million

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

Even though house prices are sky-rocketing around the world, one property's price tag in London is raising eyebrows. A house billed as "the skinniest" in London is on the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas of the UK, one could purchase a spacious seven-bedroom mansion with sprawling grounds for that sum. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being sold by real estate agent Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was converted by a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's quirky and charming and great for entertaining."

The eye-catching property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest point and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen, dining room and patio garden on the first floor. On the second floor there is a living room, with a spiral staircase that leads up to the third floor, which has a study, bedroom and roof terrace. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its cramped space, Winkworth says it is a one-of-a-kind abode. It said: "The interior design has the bespoke approach of a luxury yacht, making the most of small spaces." It added that: "The house is ideal for a young couple or an individual who sees the beauty for what it is and will snap it up. It is a unique part of London history. It's a bit of London magic."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/london-thinnest-house-sale-scli-intl-gbr/index.html>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/13989405/londons-narrowest-house-950000/>
<https://www.winkworth.co.uk/>

WARM-UPS

1. PROPERTY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about property. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

house prices / sky-rocketing / eyebrows / spacious / mansion / skinny / hat shop / kitchen / dining room / staircase / terrace / luxury / yacht / young couple / magic

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HOUSE PRICES: Students A **strongly** believe the government should control house prices so everyone can afford a house; Students B **strongly** believe that's not good. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ABODE: What are the pros and cons of these abodes (places to live)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Pros | Cons |
|------------|------|------|
| Mansion | | |
| Apartment | | |
| Igloo | | |
| House | | |
| Tree house | | |
| Tent | | |

5. MANSION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "mansion". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ROOMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best rooms at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Living room
- Bedroom
- Toilet
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Games Room
- Study

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. sky-rocketing | a. Causing people to be surprised or disapproving. |
| 2. tag | b. A price, rate, or amount that is increasing very steeply or rapidly. |
| 3. raising eyebrows | c. Acquire something by paying for it; buy. |
| 4. purchase | d. Having lots of room; covering a wide area. |
| 5. spacious | e. A label attached to someone or something for the purpose of identification or to give other information (like price). |
| 6. sprawling | f. Characterized by peculiar or unexpected features or qualities. |
| 7. quirky | g. Spread out over a large area. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. eye-catching | h. Constantly turning in one direction as it rises. |
| 9. spiral | i. Made for a particular customer or user. |
| 10. study | j. Immediately appealing or noticeable; striking. |
| 11. cramped | k. A room used or designed for reading, writing, or academic work. |
| 12. bespoke | l. A way of dealing with something. |
| 13. approach | m. Uncomfortable because of a lack of space. |
| 14. unique | n. Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says house prices are sky-rocketing around the world. **T / F**
- b. The house for sale in London has seven bedrooms. **T / F**
- c. The house for sale in London is five floors high. **T / F**
- d. The house in London used to be a tie shop. **T / F**
- e. The skinny house is 8 metres in length. **T / F**
- f. The house has a spiral staircase that connects two of the floors. **T / F**
- g. The agent said the house is good for old people. **T / F**
- h. The agent said a magician used to live in the house. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. sky-rocketing | a. perfect |
| 2. spacious | b. extending |
| 3. sprawling | c. method |
| 4. real estate | d. distinctive |
| 5. quirky | e. roomy |
| 6. eye-catching | f. charm |
| 7. cramped | g. eccentric |
| 8. approach | h. shooting up |
| 9. ideal | i. confined |
| 10. magic | j. property |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. house prices are sky-rocketing | a. "the skinniest" in London |
| 2. raising | b. of London history |
| 3. A house billed as | c. and charming |
| 4. a spacious seven-bedroom mansion | d. staircase |
| 5. It's quirky | e. eyebrows |
| 6. The eye- | f. kind abode |
| 7. a spiral | g. around the world |
| 8. it is a one-of-a- | h. of small spaces |
| 9. making the most | i. with sprawling grounds |
| 10. a unique part | j. catching property |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

Even though house prices are sky-(1) _____ around the world, one property's price tag in London is raising (2) _____. A house billed as "the skinniest" in London is on the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas of the UK, one could purchase a (3) _____ seven-bedroom mansion with (4) _____ grounds for that sum. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being sold by (5) _____ estate agent Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was (6) _____ by a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's (7) _____ and charming and great for (8) _____."

sprawling
converted
rocketing
entertaining
spacious
quirky
eyebrows
real

The eye-catching property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest (9) _____ and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen, dining room and patio garden on the first floor. On the second floor there is a living room, with a (10) _____ staircase that leads up to the third floor, which has a study, bedroom and (11) _____ terrace. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its (12) _____ space, Winkworth says it is a one-of-a-kind (13) _____. It said: "The interior design has the (14) _____ approach of a luxury yacht, making the most of small spaces." It added that: "The house is ideal for a young couple or an (15) _____ who sees the beauty for what it is and will snap it up. It is a (16) _____ part of London history. It's a bit of London magic."

cramped
bespoke
point
unique
roof
individual
spiral
abode

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

- 1) Even though house prices are sky-rocketing around the world, one _____
 - a. property's price stag
 - b. property's pry stag
 - c. property's price tag
 - d. property's prices tag
- 2) one could purchase a spacious seven-bedroom mansion _____
 - a. with sprawl ring grounds
 - b. with sprawl in grounds
 - c. with sprawl inner grounds
 - d. with sprawling grounds
- 3) However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does _____
 - a. have five floors
 - b. have five flaws
 - c. have five flowers
 - d. have five fours
- 4) The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop _____"
 - a. and was converted
 - b. and was convert it
 - c. and was concert it
 - d. and was concerted
- 5) the ultimate designer house....It's quirky and charming and _____
 - a. grade for entertaining
 - b. greet for entertaining
 - c. grate for entertaining
 - d. great for entertaining
- 6) The eye-catching property is just 1.6 metres at _____
 - a. its narrow is point
 - b. its narrowest pointer
 - c. its narrowest pointing
 - d. its narrowest pointed
- 7) On the second floor there is a living room, with _____
 - a. ace pyre all staircase
 - b. a spiral staircase
 - c. ace spiral staircase
 - d. a spire all staircase
- 8) that leads up to the third floor, which has a study, bedroom _____
 - a. and aloof terrace
 - b. and a roof terrace
 - c. and an aloof terrace
 - d. and roof terrace
- 9) Despite its cramped space, Winkworth says it is a one-of-_____
 - a. a-kindly abode
 - b. a-kinds abode
 - c. a-kind abode
 - d. a-kinder abode
- 10) a young couple or an individual who sees the beauty for what it is and will _____
 - a. pins it up
 - b. snap it up
 - c. snip it up
 - d. slap it up

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Even (1) _____ are sky-rocketing around the world, one property's price tag in London (2) _____. A house billed as "the skinniest" in London is on the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas of the UK, one could (3) _____ seven-bedroom mansion with sprawling grounds for that sum. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being sold by (4) _____ Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and (5) _____ a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's (6) _____ and great for entertaining."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

1. What does the article say is happening to house prices?
2. What does the article say you could buy for the price of the thin house?
3. How many floors does the thin house have?
4. Who or what is Winkworth?
5. What was the house before it was a house?
6. How long is the house?
7. What connects the second and third floors of the house?
8. What is on the fifth floor of the house?
9. Who did the real estate agent say the house was ideal for?
10. What did a real estate agent say the house was a unique part of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

- 1) What does the article say is happening to house prices?
 - a) they are rising ever so slightly
 - b) they are plummeting
 - c) they are levelling off
 - d) they are sky-rocketing
- 2) What does the article say you could buy for the price of the thin house?
 - a) a luxury yacht
 - b) a seven-bedroom mansion
 - c) an English village
 - d) a castle
- 3) How many floors does the thin house have?
 - a) 2
 - b) 6
 - c) 3
 - d) 5
- 4) Who or what is Winkworth?
 - a) a hat shop
 - b) a website designer
 - c) a real-estate agent
 - d) a tie shop
- 5) What was the house before it was a house?
 - a) a website designer
 - b) a real estate agent
 - c) a tie shop
 - d) a hat shop
- 6) How long is the house?
 - a) 6 metres
 - b) 5 metres
 - c) 8 metres
 - d) 4 metres
- 7) What connects the second and third floors of the house?
 - a) a spiral staircase
 - b) a ladder
 - c) an elevator
 - d) a tunnel
- 8) What is on the fifth floor of the house?
 - a) a patio
 - b) an observatory
 - c) the main bedroom
 - d) a gym
- 9) Who did the real estate agent say the house was ideal for?
 - a) old people
 - b) a young couple or individual
 - c) small people
 - d) investors
- 10) What did a real estate agent say the house was a unique part of?
 - a) London history
 - b) real estate
 - c) the street
 - d) the U.K.

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Living Room

You think the living room is the best room in the house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rooms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the bathroom, the kitchen or the toilet.

Role B – Bathroom

You think the bathroom is the best room in the house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rooms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the living room, the kitchen or the toilet.

Role C – Kitchen

You think the kitchen is the best room in the house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rooms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the bathroom, the living room or the toilet.

Role D – Toilet

You think the toilet is the best room in the house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rooms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the bathroom, the kitchen or the living room.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'thin' and 'house'.

| thin | house |
|------|-------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sky• areas• sum• five• hat• great | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eye• 8• third• main• ideal• magic |
|--|--|

PROPERTY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about property in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PROPERTY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'property'?
3. What are property prices like in your town?
4. What do you think of a house that is 2 metres wide?
5. What was the last thing that made you raise your eyebrows?
6. Is it better to own your own house or rent?
7. Would you like a seven-bedroom mansion?
8. Would you like to live in the property in the article?
9. What is the best city to live in?
10. How would you describe your house?

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PROPERTY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'house'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the good and bad things about a five-storey house?
15. Is it better to have a spacious house?
16. Would you like a bespoke house?
17. What do you think of your current abode?
18. What is your ideal house?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the real estate agent?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) cloud | (b) atmosphere | (c) space | (d) sky |
| 2. | (a) chins | (b) noses | (c) lips | (d) eyebrows |
| 3. | (a) spaces | (b) spacious | (c) rapacious | (d) audacious |
| 4. | (a) spawning | (b) spiralling | (c) sprawling | (d) spilling |
| 5. | (a) being | (b) be | (c) be in | (d) been |
| 6. | (a) ultimate | (b) penultimate | (c) ultimately | (d) ultimatum |
| 7. | (a) watching | (b) bouncing | (c) throwing | (d) catching |
| 8. | (a) spiral | (b) coil | (c) twirling | (d) swirl |
| 9. | (a) camped | (b) cramped | (c) clamped | (d) carped |
| 10. | (a) speaking | (b) spoken | (c) bespoke | (d) speech |
| 11. | (a) idea | (b) idealism | (c) ideal | (d) ideas |
| 12. | (a) snip | (b) snap | (c) slap | (d) step |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. raising swreyobe
2. a oussicap seven-bedroom mansion
3. lsrwgianp grounds
4. ortecvned by a fashion photographer
5. the tumitale designer house
6. It's kuyiqr and charming

Paragraph 2

7. a pilsar staircase
8. Despite its cdrmaep space
9. the okpebse approach
10. a luxury hacyt
11. a young couple or an aivuiidnld
12. a ieuqun part of London

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being sold by real estate
- () of the UK, one could purchase a spacious seven-bedroom mansion with sprawling grounds for that
- (**1**) Even though house prices are sky-rocketing around the world, one property's price tag in London is raising
- () eyebrows. A house billed as "the skinniest" in London is on the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas
- () sum. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five
- () yacht, making the most of small spaces." It added that: "The house is ideal for a young couple or an individual who sees the
- () photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's quirky and charming and great for entertaining."
- () The eye-catching property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest point and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen, dining
- () room and patio garden on the first floor. On the second floor there is a living room, with a spiral
- () staircase that leads up to the third floor, which has a study, bedroom and roof terrace. The main
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- () agent Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was converted by a fashion
- () beauty for what it is and will snap it up. It is a unique part of London history. It's a bit of London magic."
- () kind abode. It said: "The interior design has the bespoke approach of a luxury

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. sky-rocketing world . are around House the prices
2. raising price One property's tag is eyebrows . London
3. a spacious could One mansion . seven-bedroom purchase
4. London . is in two-bedroom The west house
5. life It shop . a as hat started
6. room . a floor The second has living
7. that leads A staircase to the floor . third
8. It design of yacht . the a luxury has
9. house ideal The is a for young couple .
10. It history . is part a London unique of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

Even *though* / *thorough* house prices are sky-rocketing around the world, one property's price tag in London is *rising* / *raising* eyebrows. A house *bailed* / *billed* as "the skinniest" in London is *on* / *in* the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas of the UK, one could purchase a *spacious* / *space* seven-bedroom mansion with sprawling grounds for that *some* / *sum*. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five *storey* / *floors*. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being *selling* / *sold* by real estate agent Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was converted *as* / *by* a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's *quirky* / *quickly* and charming and great for entertaining."

The *eye-throwing* / *eye-catching* property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest point and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen, *dinning* / *dining* room and patio garden on the first floor. On the second floor there is a living room, with a *spiral* / *spigot* staircase that leads up to the third floor, which has a *studious* / *study*, bedroom and roof terrace. The *mane* / *main* bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its cramped space, Winkworth says it is a one-of-a-kind *abode* / *adobe*. It said: "The interior design has the *beseech* / *bespoke* approach of a luxury yacht, making the most of small spaces." It added that: "The house is *idea* / *ideal* for a young couple or an individual who sees the beauty for what it is and will snap it *up* / *down*. It is a unique part of London history. It's a bit of London *magician* / *magic*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_v_n th__gh h__s_ pr_c_s _r_ sky-r_ck_t_ng _r__nd th_
w_rld, _n_ pr_p_rty's pr_c_ t_g _n L_nd_n _s r__s_ng
_y_br_ws. _ h__s_ b_ll_d _s "th_ sk_nn__st" _n
L_nd_n _s _n th_ m_rk_t f_r \$1.3 m_ll__n. _n _th_r
_r__s _f th_ _K, _n_ c__ld p_rch_s_ _ sp_c__s
s_v_n-b_dr__m m_ns__n w_th spr_wl_ng gr__nds f_r
th_t s_m. H_w_v_r, th_ sk_nny h__s_ _s j_st 2 m_tr_s
w_d_, _lth__gh _t d__s h_v_ f_v_ fl__rs. Th_ tw_-
b_dr__m h__s_ _s _n w_st L_nd_n _nd _s b__ng s_ld
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_ppr__ch _f _ l_x_ry y_cht, m_k_ng th_ m_st _f sm_ll
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property.html>

even though house prices are skyrocketing around the world one property's price tag in london is raising eyebrows a house billed as the skinniest in london is on the market for 13 million in other areas of the uk one could purchase a spacious sevenbedroom mansion with sprawling grounds for that sum however the skinny house is just 2 metres wide although it does have five floors the twobedroom house is in west london and is being sold by real estate agent winkworth the agent said it started life as a hat shop and was converted by a fashion photographer the ultimate designer house it's quirky and charming and great for entertaining

the eye-catching property is just 16 metres at its narrowest point and is 8 metres long there is a kitchen dining room and patio garden on the first floor on the second floor there is a living room with a spiral staircase that leads up to the third floor which has a study bedroom and roof terrace the main bedroom is on the fifth floor despite its cramped space winkworth says it is a one-of-a-kind abode it said the interior design has the bespoke approach of a luxury yacht making the most of small spaces it added that the house is ideal for a young couple or an individual who sees the beauty for what it is and will snap it up it is a unique part of london history it's a bit of london magic

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PROPERTY: Make a poster about property. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HOUSE PRICES: Write a magazine article about setting a limit on house prices. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on property. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on property prices. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. h | 2. e | 3. b | 4. j | 5. g |
| 6. d | 7. i | 8. c | 9. a | 10. f |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. They are sky-rocketing
2. A seven-bedroom mansion
3. Five
4. A real estate agent
5. A hat shop
6. Eight metres
7. A spiral staircase
8. The main bedroom
9. A young couple or individual
10. London history

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. House prices are sky-rocketing around the world.
2. One London property's price tag is raising eyebrows.
3. One could purchase a spacious seven-bedroom mansion.
4. The two-bedroom house is in west London.
5. It started life as a hat shop.
6. The second floor has a living room.
7. A staircase that leads to the third floor.
8. It has the design of a luxury yacht.
9. The house is ideal for a young couple.
10. It is a unique part of London history.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)