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Glass slide opens 300 metres above the street

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THE ARTICLE

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A very scary slide has opened to the public in Los Angeles. Slides are usually seen in children's parks, but the scary Skyslide is on the outside of a building, 70 stories high. To make it scarier, the Skyslide is made of glass, which is just 3 cm thick. People who go on it have to look down at the street 300 metres below them. It is part of the U.S. Bank Tower in downtown L.A. It cost \$3.5 million to build. The slide starts at the 70th floor and goes down one story to the 69th floor. It is only 15 metres from start to finish and takes about five seconds to get from top to bottom. Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push themselves out of a window. Only one person can go on it at a time.

The president of the company that owns the building said there were many meetings about what kind of attraction it should have. They wanted something special. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't exist anywhere else." She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus filled with people. An L.A. Times reporter spoke about the ride. He said: "The ride takes just a few seconds. Before you can get a really proper scream going, you're launched out onto a safety mat on an outdoor deck on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for adults and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs an additional \$8.

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-skyslide-downtown-los-angeles-tourism-20160623-snap-story.html>
<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-et-cm-hawthorne-skyslide-20160621-snap-story.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. CITY ATTRACTIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about city attractions. 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?

slide / public / children's parks / downtown / start to finish / special / safety / mat / president / meetings / attraction / exist / support / school bus / scream / launched

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

3. SLIDES: Students A **strongly** believe slides are better than stairs; Students B **strongly** believe stairs are better than slides. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHILDREN'S PARKS: How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How to make these things better
Slides	
Swings	
Climbing frames	
Grassy areas	
Safety	
Sports	

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

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

- Scary slides
- Jetcoasters
- Art galleries
- Street performers
- Old buildings
- Shopping malls
- Parks
- Amusement parks

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

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

- a. A slide has opened in a children's park in Los Angeles. **T / F**
- b. The glass on the slide is 3 cm thick. **T / F**
- c. The glass slide cost \$3.5 million to build. **T / F**
- d. Only one person can use the slide at a time. **T / F**
- e. The building's owners had one meeting to decide to build the slide. **T / F**
- f. The slide is strong enough to support a school bus filled with people. **T / F**
- g. The ride takes nearly a minute to complete. **T / F**
- h. It will cost \$25 to go on the slide. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. scary | a. secure |
| 2. stories | b. begins |
| 3. below | c. floors |
| 4. starts | d. sort |
| 5. finish | e. extra |
| 6. kind | f. frightening |
| 7. safe | g. only |
| 8. just | h. end |
| 9. proper | i. beneath |
| 10. additional | j. real |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. A very scary slide has opened | a. safety mat |
| 2. look down at the street | b. just a few seconds |
| 3. The slide starts at the 70th floor and | c. at a time |
| 4. Riders must sit on a special | d. on the 70th floor |
| 5. Only one person can go on it | e. 300 metres below them |
| 6. something that doesn't exist | f. an additional \$8 |
| 7. school | g. to the public |
| 8. The ride takes | h. anywhere else |
| 9. get into the Skyspace area | i. goes down one story |
| 10. A ride on the Skyslide costs | j. bus |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

A very scary slide has opened to the (1) _____ in Los Angeles. Slides are usually seen in children's parks, but the scary Skyslide is on the (2) _____ of a building, 70 stories high. To make it scarier, the Skyslide is made of glass, which is just 3 cm (3) _____. People who go on it have to look down at the street 300 metres below them. It is (4) _____ of the U.S. Bank Tower in downtown L.A. It cost \$3.5 million to build. The slide starts at the 70th (5) _____ and goes down one story to the 69th floor. It is only 15 metres from start to (6) _____ and takes about five seconds to get from top to (7) _____. Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push themselves out of a window. Only one person can go on it at a (8) _____.

outside
part
public
finish
time
thick
bottom
floor

The president of the company that (9) _____ the building said there were many meetings about what kind of (10) _____ it should have. They wanted something special. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't (11) _____ anywhere else." She said the slide is safe enough to (12) _____ a school bus filled with people. An L.A. Times reporter spoke about the ride. He said: "The ride takes just a few seconds. Before you can get a really (13) _____ scream going, you're launched out onto a (14) _____ mat on an outdoor deck on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for (15) _____ and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs an (16) _____ \$8.

attraction
safety
owns
additional
support
adults
exist
proper

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Skyslide is on the outside of a building, _____
 - a. 70 stores height
 - b. 70 storied high
 - c. 70 stories height
 - d. 70 stories high
- 2) People who go on it have to look down at the street 300 _____
 - a. metres bellow them
 - b. metres billow them
 - c. metres below them
 - d. metres blow them
- 3) 15 metres from start to finish and takes about five seconds to get _____
 - a. from tops to bottoms
 - b. from top to bottom
 - c. from tops to bottom
 - d. from top to bottoms
- 4) Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push themselves _____
 - a. outer of window
 - b. out off a window
 - c. out of a window
 - d. out of the window
- 5) Only one person can go on _____
 - a. it at a time
 - b. it tat a time
 - c. it tatter time
 - d. it at the time
- 6) there were many meetings about what kind of _____ have
 - a. attraction it should
 - b. attractions it should
 - c. attractive it should
 - d. a traction it should
- 7) We have to do something that doesn't _____ else
 - a. exits anywhere
 - b. exist anywhere
 - c. exit anywhere
 - d. exists anywhere
- 8) She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus _____
 - a. filled within people
 - b. filled without people
 - c. filled wither people
 - d. filled with people
- 9) Before you can get a really proper scream going, you're launched out _____
 - a. onto a safe tea mat
 - b. into a safety mat
 - c. onto the safety mat
 - d. onto a safety mat
- 10) A ride on the Skyslide costs _____
 - a. an additionally \$8
 - b. an add it on all \$8
 - c. an addition all \$8
 - d. an additional \$8

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A very scary slide has opened (1) _____ Los Angeles. Slides are usually seen in children's parks, but the scary Skyslide is on the outside of a building, 70 stories high. To (2) _____, the Skyslide is made of glass, which (3) _____. People who go on it have to look down at the street 300 metres below them. It is part of the U.S. Bank Tower in downtown L.A. It cost \$3.5 million to build. The slide starts at the 70th floor (4) _____ one story to the 69th floor. It is only 15 metres from start to finish and takes about five (5) _____ from top to bottom. Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push themselves out of a window. Only one person can go on (6) _____.

The president of the company (7) _____ building said there were many meetings about what kind of attraction it should have. They wanted (8) _____. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't exist (9) _____." She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus filled with people. An L.A. Times reporter spoke about the ride. He said: "The ride (10) _____ seconds. Before you can get a really proper scream going, you're launched out onto a safety (11) _____ outdoor deck on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for adults and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

1. In which city did the slide open?
2. How many stories high is the slide?
3. What company is located in the building?
4. How long does the slide ride take from start to finish?
5. How many people can go on the slide at one time?
6. Who said there were many meetings about the slide?
7. What is the slide strong enough to support?
8. What do people sit on when they go on the slide?
9. How much does it cost to get to the Skyspace area?
10. How much extra does it cost to go on the slide once you are on floor 70?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

- 1) In which city did the slide open?
 - a) Chicago
 - b) Los Angeles
 - c) New York
 - d) Miami
- 2) How many stories high is the slide?
 - a) 17
 - b) 56
 - c) 69
 - d) 70
- 3) What company is located in the building?
 - a) the U.S. Bank
 - b) the L.A. Times
 - c) Skyslide Inc.
 - d) Amazon
- 4) How long does the slide ride take from start to finish?
 - a) about 15 seconds
 - b) about 25 seconds
 - c) about 5 seconds
 - d) about 50 seconds
- 5) How many people can go on the slide at one time?
 - a) 3
 - b) 1
 - c) 2
 - d) 4
- 6) Who said there were many meetings about the slide?
 - a) a company president
 - b) a banker
 - c) a reporter
 - d) a maker of slides
- 7) What is the slide strong enough to support?
 - a) an earthquake
 - b) a tank
 - c) a school bus filled with people
 - d) 100 people
- 8) What do people sit on when they go on the slide?
 - a) a safety mat
 - b) a roller
 - c) a special chair
 - d) a glass tray
- 9) How much does it cost to get to the Skyspace area?
 - a) \$25
 - b) \$15
 - c) \$55
 - d) \$35
- 10) How much extra does it cost for the slide once you are on floor 70?
 - a) \$18
 - b) \$28
 - c) \$88
 - d) \$8

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Scary slides

You think scary slides are the best attraction for a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art galleries, shopping malls or old buildings.

Role B – Art galleries

You think art galleries are the best attraction for a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): scary slides, shopping malls or old buildings.

Role C – Shopping malls

You think shopping malls are the best attraction for a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art galleries, scary slides or old buildings.

Role D – Old buildings

You think old buildings are the best attraction for a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art galleries, shopping malls or scary slides.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

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

glass	slide
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- 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">• very• just• 300• part• finish• time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• owns• special• exist• few• deck• additional
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CITY ATTRACTIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about city attractions 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.

CITY ATTRACTIONS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'slide'?
3. What do you think of the Skyslide?
4. Would you like to go on the slide?
5. How dangerous do you think the slide is?
6. What kind of slides do you like?
7. What do you think of the cost of the slide to build?
8. Should the slide have been longer?
9. How scary do you think the ride on the slide is?
10. What scary things do you like doing?

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CITY ATTRACTIONS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What other attractions could the building have?
13. What's your favourite building and why?
14. Why do people like to do scary things?
15. What other things can you do in LA?
16. Where else in the world could you make a good slide?
17. What do you think of the name Skyslide?
18. How could you make a slide more exciting?
19. What do you think of the price of the ride on the slide?
20. What questions would you like to ask the owner of the slide?

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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The president of the company that (7) _____ the building said there were many meetings about what kind of (8) _____ it should have. They wanted something special. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't (9) _____ anywhere else." She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus (10) _____ with people. An L.A. Times reporter spoke about the ride. He said: "The ride takes just a few seconds. Before you can get a really (11) _____ scream going, you're launched out onto a safety mat on an outdoor deck on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for adults and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs an (12) _____ \$8.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) on | (d) by |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) thicken | (b) thickly | (c) thickness | (d) thick |
| 4. | (a) under | (b) below | (c) down | (d) fall |
| 5. | (a) travel | (b) get | (c) shift | (d) journey |
| 6. | (a) times | (b) timing | (c) time | (d) timed |
| 7. | (a) owners | (b) owes | (c) owns | (d) own |
| 8. | (a) contraction | (b) distraction | (c) attraction | (d) inaction |
| 9. | (a) consist | (b) desist | (c) exits | (d) exist |
| 10. | (a) fills | (b) filling | (c) filler | (d) filled |
| 11. | (a) proper | (b) properly | (c) prosper | (d) prop up |
| 12. | (a) add | (b) addition | (c) additional | (d) additionally |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

Paragraph 1

1. opened to the bilpuc
2. on the outside of a iibgnudl
3. 70 iressot (USA) / rtseyos (UK) high
4. just 3 cm ihktc
5. odwwotnn L.A.
6. sit on a cpliaes safety mat

Paragraph 2

7. The edpstrnei of the company
8. what kind of ttaiotrnca it should have
9. something that doesn't etixs anywhere else
10. safe enough to rpptosu a school bus
11. a really eroppr scream
12. cost an odiatndial \$8

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to do something that doesn't exist anywhere else." She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus
- (**1**) A very scary slide has opened to the public in Los Angeles. Slides are usually seen in children's
- () mat on an outdoor deck on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are
- () takes just a few seconds. Before you can get a really proper scream going, you're launched out onto a safety
- () meetings about what kind of attraction it should have. They wanted something special. The president said: "We have
- () seconds to get from top to bottom. Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push
- () parks, but the scary Skyslide is on the outside of a building, 70 stories high. To make it scarier, the Skyslide is made of
- () floor and goes down one story to the 69th floor. It is only 15 metres from start to finish and takes about five
- () \$25 for adults and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs an additional \$8.
- () themselves out of a window. Only one person can go on it at a time.
- () below them. It is part of the U.S. Bank Tower in downtown L.A. It cost \$3.5 million to build. The slide starts at the 70th
- () The president of the company that owns the building said there were many
- () glass, which is just 3 cm thick. People who go on it have to look down at the street 300 metres
- () filled with people. An L.A. Times reporter spoke about the ride. He said: "The ride

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. glass is thick just , made The 3 which of Skyslide cm is .
2. street People who go on it have to look down at the .
3. 70th floor and goes down one story The slide starts at the .
4. themselves Riders must sit on a special safety mat and push .
5. on a one go at Only can it time person .
6. president owns of the the building company The that .
7. kind have of Meetings attraction about it what should .
8. doesn't to exist do anywhere something We that have .
9. school slide enough a The safe support bus is to .
10. 8 on costs \$ ride Skyslide additional A the an .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

A very *scary / scared* slide has opened to the public in Los Angeles. Slides are *usual / usually* seen in children's parks, but the scary Skyslide is on the outside of a building, 70 stories *height / high*. To make it scarier, the Skyslide is made *of / for* glass, which is just 3 cm thick. People who go on it have to look *up / down* at the street 300 metres *below / above* them. It is part of the U.S. Bank Tower in downtown L.A. It cost \$3.5 million to *built / build*. The slide starts at the 70th floor and goes down *one / once* story to the 69th floor. It is only 15 metres from start to finish and takes about five seconds to get from top to bottom. Riders must *sat / sit* on a special safety mat and push themselves out of a window. Only one person can go on it at a *times / time*.

The president of the company that *owns / owners* the building said there were *many / much* meetings about what kind of attraction it should have. They wanted something *specially / special*. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't *exist / exit* anywhere else." She said the slide is safe enough to support a school bus *fills / filled* with people. An L.A. Times reporter *spoke / speaking* about the ride. He said: "The ride takes just a *few / flew* seconds. Before you can get a really *properly / proper* scream going, you're launched out onto a safety mat on an outdoor *deck / duck* on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for adults and \$19 for children aged between 3-12. A ride on the Skyslide costs an *addition / additional* \$8.

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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

_ v_ry sc_ry sl_d_ h_s _p_n_d t_ th_ p_bl_c _n L_s
_ng_l_s. Sl_d_s _r_ _s_ lly s__n _n ch_ldr_n's p_rks,
b_t th_ sc_ry Skysl_d_ _s _n th_ _ts_d_ _f _
b__ld_ng, 70 st_r__s h_gh. T_ m_k_ _t sc_r__r, th_
Skysl_d_ _s m_d_ _f gl_ss, wh_ch _s j_st 3 cm th_ck.
P__pl_ wh_ g_ _n _t h_v_ t_ l__k d_wn _t th_ str__t
300 m_tr_s b_l_w th_m. _t _s p_rt _f th_ _S. B_nk
T_w_r _n d_wnt_wn L_. _t c_st \$3.5 m_ll__n t_ b__ld.
Th_ sl_d_ st_rts _t th_ 70th fl__r _nd g__s d_wn _n_
st_ry t_ th_ 69th fl__r. _t _s _nly 15 m_tr_s fr_m st_rt
t_ f_n_sh _nd t_k_s _b__t f_v_ s_c_nds t_ g_t fr_m t_p
t_ b_tt_m. R_d_rs m_st s_t _n _ sp_c__l s_f_ty m_t
_nd p_sh th_ms_lv_s __t _f _w_nd_w. _nly _n_ p_rs_n
c_n g_ _n _t _t _t_m_.

Th_ pr_s_d_nt _f th_ c_m_p_ny th_t _wns th_ b__ld_ng
s__d th_r_ w_r_ m_ny m__t_ngs _b__t wh_t k_nd _f
_ttr_ct__n _t sh__ld h_v_. Th_y w_nt_d s_m_th_ng
sp_c__l. Th_ pr_s_d_nt s__d: "W_ h_v_ t_ d_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles.html>

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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 Los Angeles. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CITY ATTRACTIONS: Make a poster about city attractions. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BUILDING SLIDES: Write a magazine article about slides on buildings. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 city attractions. Ask him/her three questions about what makes a good attraction. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. scary | a. frightening |
| 2. stories | b. floors |
| 3. below | c. beneath |
| 4. starts | d. begins |
| 5. finish | e. end |
| 6. kind | f. sort |
| 7. safe | g. secure |
| 8. just | h. only |
| 9. proper | i. real |
| 10. additional | j. extra |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Los Angeles
2. 70
3. The U.S. Bank
4. About 5 seconds
5. One
6. The president of the company that owns the building
7. A school bus filled with people
8. A safety mat
9. \$25
10. \$8

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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