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## **Level 2**

### **Glass slide opens 300 metres above the street**

**28th June, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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

The company that owns the building said it had many meetings about what attraction to make. It wanted something special. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't exist anywhere else." The slide is safe enough to support a school bus filled with people. A reporter spoke about the slide. He said: "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. A ride on the Skyslide costs an additional \$8.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. on the outside of                  | a. from top to bottom  |
| 2. It is made of glass                | b. of a window         |
| 3. It cost \$3.5 million              | c. just 3 cm thick     |
| 4. The slide starts                   | d. slide at one time   |
| 5. It takes about five seconds to get | e. a 70-story building |
| 6. Riders sit on a special            | f. at the 70th floor   |
| 7. push themselves out                | g. safety mat          |
| 8. Only one person can go on the      | h. to build            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The company that owns        | a. anywhere else      |
| 2. it had many                  | b. special            |
| 3. It wanted something          | c. the 69th floor     |
| 4. something that doesn't exist | d. mat                |
| 5. a school bus                 | e. the building       |
| 6. a safety                     | f. an additional \$8  |
| 7. an outdoor deck on           | g. meetings           |
| 8. A ride on the Skyslide costs | h. filled with people |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The company that (7) \_\_\_\_\_ said it had many meetings about what (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It wanted something special. The president said: "We have to do something that doesn't exist anywhere else." The slide (9) \_\_\_\_\_ support a school bus filled with people. A reporter spoke about the slide. He said: "Before you can get a really (10) \_\_\_\_\_ going, you're launched out onto a safety mat on an (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on the 69th floor." Tickets to get into the Skyspace area on the 70th floor are \$25 for adults and \$19 for children. A ride on the Skyslide costs (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CITY ATTRACTIONS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160628-los-angeles-4.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

