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London's thinnest house sells for \$1.3 million

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-5.html>

House values are rising around the world. The price of one property in London is raising eyebrows. It is just 2 metres wide and is on the market for \$1.3 million. This could buy you a spacious seven-bedroom mansion with huge gardens elsewhere in the UK. The "skinny" house is just 2 metres wide, but it has five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London. The real estate agent Winkworth 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 property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest point and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen and dining room on the first floor, a living room on the second floor, with a spiral staircase that leads up to the third floor. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its cramped space, it is a one-of-a-kind home. The interior design is like a luxury yacht. The agent said it "makes the most of small spaces". It is ideal for a young couple or single person who sees its beauty, "and will snap it up". The agent said: "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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. House values | a. mansion |
| 2. raising | b. and charming |
| 3. a spacious seven-bedroom | c. as a hat shop |
| 4. elsewhere | d. eyebrows |
| 5. It started life | e. house |
| 6. converted by a | f. are rising |
| 7. the ultimate designer | g. in the UK |
| 8. It's quirky | h. fashion photographer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 1.6 metres at its narrowest | a. London history |
| 2. a spiral | b. space |
| 3. leads up | c. design |
| 4. Despite its cramped | d. of London magic |
| 5. interior | e. point |
| 6. snap it | f. staircase |
| 7. It is a unique part of | g. up |
| 8. It's a bit | h. to the third floor |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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House (1) _____ around the world. The price of one property in London (2) _____. It is just 2 metres wide and is on the market for \$1.3 million. This could buy you a spacious seven-bedroom (3) _____ gardens elsewhere in the UK. The (4) _____ just 2 metres wide, but it has five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London. The (5) _____ Winkworth said: "It started life as a hat shop and was converted by a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's (6) _____ and great for entertaining."

The property is just 1.6 metres at (7) _____ and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen and dining room on the first floor, a living room on the second floor, with (8) _____ that leads up to the third floor. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite (9) _____, it is a one-of-a-kind home. The interior (10) _____ a luxury yacht. The agent said it "makes the most of small spaces". It is ideal for a young couple or single person who sees its beauty, "(11) _____ it up". The agent said: "It is a unique part of London history. It's (12) _____ London magic."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PROPERTY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

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.

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) _____

