

Life in a Shell

Imagine living in a house in the shape of a seashell. In Mexico City there is a house like that. The architect of the house is Javier Senosiain. The Nautilus House is the house of a young couple and their two children. The house has got two floors and spiral staircases. Inside there is a living room, a huge bedroom, a kitchen and a bathroom. There are plants in every room. The bathroom is blue and yellow with small windows everywhere. It's very bright. In the living room there is a grass carpet on the floor, a stream and windows of different colours. Outside there is a nice garden with trees. The house is earthquake-proof. It's also friendly to the environment and has a great view of the mountains. It's like Alice in Wonderland!

Check these words

shape, seashell, young couple, spiral staircase, huge, plant, every, room, everywhere, bright, grass carpet, stream, trees, earthquake-proof, friendly to the environment, view, mountain, like

Listening & Reading

- 4 a) Read the title of the text. What is the text about? What do you think it is like living in this house?

🔊 Listen and read to find out.

- b) Read again and mark the sentences T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

- 1 The Nautilus house is like an animal.
- 2 There aren't any stairs in the house.
- 3 There are lots of windows.
- 4 There is a big garden outside.
- 5 The family hasn't got any neighbours.

Speaking & Writing

- 5 **THINK!** Do you like this house? Give two reasons why you could live in it. Use words from the **Check these words** section.

- 6 **THINK!** Compare your house to the Nautilus house. Write about: *number of rooms, what there is inside the house, garden*. Tell the class.

The Nautilus House has got two floors. My house hasn't got two floors. It's got one floor, etc

