

1 Complete the article. There is one extra sentence.

Let's look at three unusual buildings.

Even in the digital age, a library has to have some books in it! When they built the Central Library in Seattle, USA in 2004, the architects had to think about how to give people the idea of what a library is for. ²



Books, or stories, were also important when the architect was planning the Crooked House in Sopot, Poland. This house was built in 2003. The idea for the Crooked House came from the pictures we see in fairy tales. ³ Some people think it looks like a child's drawing; others say it's like a house from a cartoon film.



⁴ What about this one?

⁵ The Thin House in London is not as new as the other two but it is very unusual. It has four floors but each floor is only about one and a half metres wide! The rooms must be much too small to put furniture in!



- a It doesn't look like a real building at all.
- b So they decided that the building would look like a pile of books!
- c There are five houses in the street.
- d A house that is so thin you can hardly move inside!
- e That's two so far: a building that's like books and a crooked house.
- f They are in three different parts of the world: the USA, Poland and England.

2 Read the article in Exercise 1 again and complete the table.

Name of building	Central Library	Crooked House	Thin House
Place	¹ <u>Seattle, USA</u>	⁴	⁷
When built	²	⁵	before 2000
Why unusual	³	⁶	⁸

3 Write sentences to compare the three buildings in Exercise 1. Use any of these adjectives or your own ideas.

- big famous impressive interesting new
old unusual

- 1 The Crooked House isn't as big as the Central Library.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5