Homework

Look at the photos. Then read the text quickly and choose the best title.

1 Superhome in a supercity
2 Billionaire holiday home
3 Great house, great help



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Welcome to Ancaster House in London's expensive Mayfair area. In this part of London, houses and apartments hardly ever cost under £1 million, but at £250 million, Ancaster House is certainly a very expensive London home. This house is billionaire businessman John Caudwell's home. The house is more than 13,000 m², but it's really two different houses – a big basement connects the two buildings.

Ancaster House has got 110 rooms and is about the size of 55 regular London apartments. There are 15 bedrooms and eight floors in the house, so there's lots of space for people to stay! But what else is special about this billionaire's house? Well, one interesting feature is a river in the dining room with real fish swimming in it! There's also a 4.5 metre cherry tree.

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Down in the basement there's a cinema with 17 seats and film posters on the wall, a nightclub with a mirrored floor, a games room, a spa, a gym and a 12-metre swimming pool with a special 'volcanic lava' wall that lights up in the dark. Also in the basement is a 'car stacker'. This special car park can park eight cars vertically, one on top of another!

Ancaster House has got over 1,000 pieces of furniture inside, including an 'emperor-size' bed which is about two metres by two metres – a great place for a good night's sleep!

So what does John think about his superhome? He loves it, but he doesn't live in his mansion all the time. John does a lot of work to help other people and he uses the house for special events to make money for his charity, Caudwell Children. The charity helps children with disabilities and their families. So the house isn't only an incredibly expensive billionaire's superhome – it also helps to make a difference to other people's lives!

06 Read the text again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)? Write the number of the line(s) where you found the answer.

1 Ancaster House costs more than £1 million. T / F.....

2 Ancaster House is more than one building. T / F.....

3 Ancaster House has got about 55 apartments inside it. T / F.....

4 There are 15 floors and eight bedrooms in the house. T / F.....

5 The dining room is similar to a garden. T / F.....

6 There are only ten seats in the basement cinema. T / F.....

7 John lives in the house with disabled children and their families. T / F.....

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Match the underlined words in the article to the definitions.

1 very hot, orange-coloured liquid rock from under the ground .....

2 conditions that mean a person is not able to use a part of their body or learn very well .....

3 a small round red or black fruit .....

4 rooms a person lives in, usually on one floor of a big building .....

5 an organisation which helps people or animals .....

6 an important part of something .....

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