Quickly read the text below without filling in the gaps and answer this questions.

1. What kind of text is it? (e.g. *story, article, review, historic*)
2. What is the text about?
3. Which of these pictures show this building?
4. Which five of the pints below are in the text?

- The family built a windmill, and they now live in it.
- The Wraysbury windmill is four centuries old.
- The windmill has the same kind of rooms as a house.
- Living in a windmill is different from living in a house.
- There are sometimes fires in the windmill.



Not an ordinary home



Glynn & Debbie Larcombe

Teenager Charlie Larcombe lives in an amazing home: a wooden windmill. His parents built the windmill in the pretty English village of Wraysbury, basing their design (1) ..on.. a 400-year-old mill in the same area.

Inside, there are five levels. The (2) ..... floor is the largest, containing the living room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs, the first and second floors have bedrooms, a tiny office and the bathroom. The Larcombes use the (3) ..... floor for storing things, and the fourth, at the top of the mill, is the part that looks (4) ..... a boat and holds the sails.

Living in a windmill brings a (5) ..... changes to normal life. The family found the shape of their new home a little strange at first. All the rooms are round, so there are no (6) ..... , and the ceilings seem quite small compared to the floors.

It has central heating and it's very cosy, but fire is a danger (7) ..... it is made of wood. There is a water system in each ceiling, so if there is a fire, the people inside can flood every level (8) ..... seconds. Also, the balcony around the outside of the mill provides an escape route from the upper floors.

The Larcombes used local materials to build the windmill, including pieces from old cottages and farm buildings in the nearby area. The one last (9) ..... is to complete the 8-metre long sails. They hope to use wind energy to create all the (10) ..... the mill needs – and perhaps also enough for ten other houses in the village.

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