

How big is your house? Are there two, three or maybe four bedrooms? Is there a dining room as well as a living room? Can you put a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and cupboards in your bedroom? Perhaps there are windows to let in the light. Well, imagine living in the narrowest house in the world! It's only one and a half metres **wide** and it's too small for **stairs**. There's a **ladder** to go up to the very, very small bedroom.

This house is called Keret House and it belongs to Israeli writer, Etgar Keret. Etgar thinks we need more houses today. Many people don't have homes and this is a big problem. His very **narrow** house shows that people can live in small places. He built it between two other big buildings. There aren't many rooms in Etgar's house. There's a **tiny** kitchen with a sink – you can put two cups and plates in it! – and a small cooker. There's a fridge too, but there isn't space for food, only two drinks. There's also a dinner table with chairs for two people. There isn't a bath, but Etgar washes under a shower which is above the tiny toilet. Up the ladder, there is one small bed and a little desk with a light. There are some books on a shelf behind his bed. And that's it! There aren't real windows, only two holes in the wall. Etgar can see if it's light or dark outside.

Etgar built this house because he wants people to think about housing problems. It was an art project. Now, he sometimes stays and works there. It's OK for one person for a short time, but for a family? No way! Would you like to live here?

Post your comments below.

### I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE

1. Keret House has one / two bedroom(s).
2. One person / Two people can eat at the table.
3. Etgar lives / doesn't live here all the time.
4. It's probably a good / bad place for a family.
5. When he built it Etgar planned / didn't plan to live there.
6. Keret House is very close to / a long way from other buildings.

### II. MATCH THE UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THE ARTICLE WITH THESE DEFINITIONS.

- 1) very small \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) thin \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) opposite of thin \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) steps that go up and down usually inside a house \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) we use this to climb up to high places usually outside \_\_\_\_\_

### III. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH WORDS FROM 2.

- 1) There are \_\_\_\_\_ in this house. Every room is on one floor.

- 2) My mum uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to go up the apple tree in our garden.
- 3) The garden is big and \_\_\_\_\_. We can play football with our friends there.
- 4) My baby sister is two days old. She's really \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) The road is \_\_\_\_\_. Only one car can drive down it.