

# 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*

