

SKYSCRAPERS

Read the text. Choose the right words and write them on the lines.

Many large cities (0) _____ the world have skyscrapers. In the past, a "skyscraper" was a kind of high sail on a sailing ship. But today the world "skyscraper" means a very (1) _____ building. Some people think that a building can only be (2) _____ a skyscraper when it has more than 50 floors, but others do (3) _____ agree.

A long time (4) _____, buildings were usually only five or six floors high. Then, in 1852, Elisha Otis, a mechanic, invented a lift (5) _____ was safe and could carry passengers up and down many floors. At the same time, engineers were (6) _____ strong and lighter kinds of metal. With these lifts and metals, engineers could (7) _____ very high skyscrapers for people to live and work in.

Many people think that skyscrapers are ugly because they look (8) _____ big boxes. But the (9) _____ famous ones have interesting shapes and colors. Also, (10) _____ the top floors of skyscrapers you can see amazing views!

