

Reading - Tower Home

Read the text and questions below. For each question circle the correct letter (A, B, C or D)

John Fisher, a builder, and his wife Elizabeth wanted more living space, so they left their small flat for an old 40-meter-high castle tower. They have spent five years turning it into a beautiful home with six floors, winning three architectural prizes.

"I love the space, and being private," Elizabeth says. "You fell asleep from the world. If I'm in the kitchen, which is 25 meters above the ground floor, and the doorbell rings, I don't have to answer it because visitors can't see I'm in!"

"There are 142 steps to the top, so I go up and down five or six times a day, it's very good exercise! But having to carry heavy things to the top is terrible, so I never buy more than two bags of shopping from the supermarket at a time. Apart from that, it's a brilliant place to live."

"When we first saw the place, I asked my father's advice about buying it, because we couldn't decide. After paying for it, we were a bit worried because it looked awful. But we really love it, and knew how we wanted it to look."

"Living here can be difficult - yesterday I climbed a four-meter ladder to clean the windows. But when you stand on the roof you can see all the way out to sea on a clear day, and that's a wonderful experience. I'm really glad we moved."

1 What is the writer trying to do in the text? a

- A describe how to turn an old tower into a house
- B recommend a particular builder
- C describe what it is like to live in a tower
- D explain how to win prizes for building work

2 From this text, a reader can find out

- A why visitors are not welcome at John and Elizabeth's house.
- B why Elizabeth exercises every day.
- C why Elizabeth asked her father to buy the tower.
- D why John and Elizabeth left their flat.

3. Which of the following best describes Elizabeth's feelings about the tower?

- A She wanted it as soon as she saw it.
- B She likes most things about it.
- C She has been worried since they paid for it.
- D She finds it unsuitable to live in.

4 What problem does Elizabeth have with living in such a tall building?

- A Her visitors find it difficult to see if she is at home.
- B She feels separated from other people.
- C She cannot bring home lots of shopping at once.
- D It is impossible to clean any of the windows.

5 How will John and Elizabeth advertise their tower if they sell it?

FOR SALE Tall building, formerly a castle. High windows give a good view. Needs some improvement.	FOR SALE A house with a difference - a castle tower, turned into a lovely home. Wonderful view.
FOR SALE Prize-winning home, five years old. Six rooms, all with sea views.	FOR SALE Castle tower, turned into six small flats, close to supermarket.

