The White House

6 What do you know about the White House? Underline the correct answer.

1 The White House is in *New York* / *Washington DC.*
2 The White House is *200* / *300* years old.
3 *The President lives* / *The President and his family live* in the White House.
4 The White House *is* / *isn't* open to the public.

7 Now read the article and check your answers.

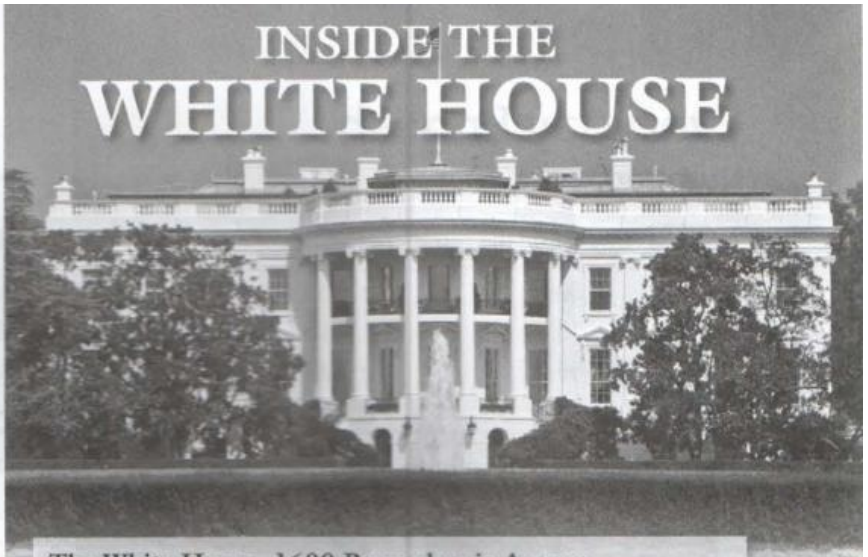
8 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.

1 There are 35 bedrooms in the White House.
☒ *There aren't 35 bedrooms. There are 16.*
2 There's a fireplace in the Oval Office.
☐ _____
3 The Oval Office has five windows.
☐ _____
4 The desk is a gift from Queen Elizabeth.
☐ _____
5 There are more kitchens than bathrooms in the White House.
☐ _____
6 There are a lot of things for the President to do in his free time at the White House.
☐ _____

Short answers

9 Answer the questions about things in the White House.

1 Is there a cinema? *Yes, there is.*
2 Are there any bathrooms? *Yes, there are a lot.*
3 Is there a swimming pool? _____
4 Is there a beach? _____
5 Are there any elevators? _____
6 Is there a football pitch? _____
7 Are there pictures of old presidents? _____
8 Is there a bedroom called the King's Bedroom? _____



The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC, is the most famous address in America. It is where the President works, but it is also his private home, where he lives with his family. He has children's birthday parties, holiday dinners, and family weddings in this world-famous building.

THE BUILDING

First built in 1800, the White House is where the President of the United States governs a country of 50 states and 324 million people.

He lives with his family on the second and third floors. There are 16 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a dining room. Special guests stay in the Queen's Bedroom or the Lincoln Bedroom.

In the West Wing are the staff offices. The President's own office, the Oval Office, is also there. It has three large windows behind the President's desk, and there is a fireplace at the other end.



Each new president chooses new curtains, new furniture, and a new carpet. There are pictures of old presidents on the walls, and there is a famous desk, a gift from the British Queen Victoria.

THE WHITE HOUSE DAY BY DAY

About 150 people work for the President in the West Wing and for the First Lady in the East Wing. Another 100 people look after the building day and night. The White House is open to visitors. It is free. About 6,000 people a day visit.

There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and five kitchens, all on six floors. There are three elevators*. The State Dining Room is big enough for 140 guests.

Outside, there are gardens with not only flowers, but also fruit and vegetables. There is also a tennis court, a running track, and a swimming pool. Inside, there is a movie theatre*, a billiard room, a bowling alley, and a library. As former President Ronald Reagan said, 'The White House is like an 8-star hotel!'

*elevator (US) = lift *movie theatre (US) = cinema

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