

Read the text and write one word for each gap.

LIVING IN A WINDMILL



Tenenger Charlie Larcombe lives in (1) _____ amazing home: a wooden windmill. (2) _____ parents built the windmill in the pretty English village (3) _____ Wraysbury, basing their design (4) _____ a 400-year-old mill (5) _____ the same area.

Inside, (6) _____ are five levels. The ground floor is (7) _____ largest, containing the living room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs, the first and second floors (8) _____ bedrooms, a tiny office (9) _____ the bathroom. The Larcombes use the third floors (10) _____ storing things, and the fourth, at the top of the mill, is the part that looks (11) _____ a boat and holds the sails.

Living in a windmill brings a (12) _____ changes to normal life. The family found the shape of their new home a little strange (13) _____ first. All the rooms (14) _____ round, so there are no corners and the ceilings seem quite small compared (15) _____ the floors.

It (16) _____ central heating and it is very cosy, but fire is a danger as it is (17) _____ of wood. There is a water system in each ceiling, so if there is a fire, the people inside can flood every level (18) _____ seconds. Also, the balcony around the outside of the mill provides an escape route from the upper floors.

The Larcombes used local materials to build the windmill, including pieces from old cottages and farm buildings in the nearby area. The one last job to complete the 8-metre long sails. (19) _____ hope to use wind energy to create all the electricity the mill needs – and perhaps also enough (20) _____ ten other houses in the village.

Choose the five statements from A-H that are TRUE according to the information given in the text. Write the letters of the TRUE statements on the lines below in alphabetical order.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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| A | The family built a windmill and they now live in it. |
| B | The Wraysbury windmill is four centuries old. |
| C | The windmill has the same kind of rooms as a house. |
| D | Living in the windmill is different from living in a house. |
| E | There are sometimes fires in the windmill. |
| F | The windmill has a fire exit. |
| G | The windmill will make its own power. |
| H | They used material from abroad to build the windmill. |

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