The Taipei 101 Building

Standing at 508 meters tall, the Taipei 101 building is **(1)** *located* in Taipei, Taiwan, and is one of the most famous **(2)**_____s both in Asia and in the world. In 2004 (when it opened), and for several years after, it was the **(3)**_____ building on our planet. It was the first building in the world more than half a kilometer in **(4)**_____. Sometimes, on rainy days, the top of this **(5)**_____ cannot be seen as it rises high above the gray clouds. The Taipei 101 building (or simply, the '101 building') mixes **(6)**_____ with traditional **(7)**_____. There are eight main sections, each with eight floors (eight is a lucky number in Chinese). In total, there are 101 floors. The 101 building is very special because it is so tall, and also because it must be very strong and very **(8)**_____ – there are many **(9)**_____ and strong wind storms called typhoons in Taiwan. For about US $15, in the lower shopping mall, you can buy a ticket and take the fastest **(10)**_____ in the world up to the 91st floor. Then, you can look down on one of the world's most **(11)**_____ and exciting cities from the top of one of its most amazing and **(12)**_____ buildings.

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Vocabulary Practice

- *Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.*

1.	earthquake C	**A.**	the way something has been made
2.	extraordinary ____	**B.**	a very tall building in a city
3.	design ____	**C.**	a shaking of the earth's surface that causes damage
4.	height ____	**D.**	in or at a certain place
5.	landmark ____	**E.**	how tall a person or thing is
6.	located in ____	**F.**	very unusual; very good
7.	skyscraper ____	**G.**	a very large, powerful storm in East Asia
8.	typhoon ____	**H.**	a building that is easy to see and recognize

Writing Practice 1

- *Don't look at the paragraph. **In your own words**, write what you can remember about the Taipei 101 building. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.*

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