



## BEFORE READING 1

### 1. Match the opposites.

roof  
wall

tall  
wall

glass  
window

plastic  
window

narrow  
metal

garden  
room

ceiling  
mirror

| things inside a house | things outside a house | adjectives to describe a house | materials |
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## READING 1

### 2. Read the text and tick the boxes in the table.

|                           | windows are different shapes | has glass walls | has a small garden on the roof | rooms are narrow |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Japanese steep roof house |                              |                 |                                |                  |
| Vietnamese 'garden home'  |                              |                 |                                |                  |



### 3. Read the text again and choose True (T) or False (F).

- 1 Professor Chan's favourite home designs are Korean. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Steep roof houses are small and narrow inside. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Professor Chan says it is important to build more homes in Vietnam. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The 'garden home' is in the centre of a big city. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Wood is more popular than plastic. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 In Amsterdam, many architects put mirrors on the walls. \_\_\_\_\_

## Architect's World

### EXPERT INTERVIEW

**Professor Michael Chan** teaches design to young architects at London School of Architecture. He has been at the school for 30 years. There have been many changes in home design in the last 30 years. This week, Michael Chan tells us more about new home design around the world.



**Architect's World:** What are your favourite home designs?

**Michael Chan:** I like Japanese designs. Many people in Japan build houses with unusual shapes. For example, the steep roof house (see photo above). This house is very tall and has a steep roof. The windows on the roof are different shapes and sizes. Inside the house, the rooms are very narrow and the ceilings are very high. It is simple and very small inside.

**AW:** What do you think about 'green' homes?

**MC:** It is very important to build houses that are environmentally friendly. My favourite green house is in Saigon, Vietnam. It is a 'garden home' (see photo centre above). This house is in the middle of a busy city but there are plants everywhere. From the street, people see a tall garden. But in fact it is a house. There are plants and trees in front of the glass walls. There is also a small garden on top of the roof. You can put chairs and a table there and enjoy tea with your family.

**AW:** What are popular building materials?

**MC:** Wood is very popular. It keeps your house warm in winter. Many architects use wood, metal and glass. Sometimes they use unusual building materials. For example, one architect from Amsterdam put mirrors on every wall of the house (see photo above). Other architects design houses with glass or even plastic walls.