

1. Reading

a Read the article and tick (✓) the correct sentence endings.

- 1 Grafton New Hall ...
 - a has just been built. ☐
 - b will be built in the future. ☒
 - c will never be built. ☐
- 2 The house is unusual because ...
 - a it's so big. ☐
 - b it's so modern. ☐
 - c its design is very strange. ☐
- 3 The architects are famous for ...
 - a their country houses in England. ☐
 - b their town houses in Japan. ☐
 - c winning a competition. ☐
- 4 The four wings ...
 - a are used at different times of day. ☐
 - b have enough room for four families. ☐
 - c all have natural light. ☐
- 5 The master bedroom is designed ...
 - a to be light all day. ☐
 - b to be light in the morning. ☐
 - c to be light in the evening. ☐
- 6 The furniture needed for Grafton New Hall ...
 - a will cost more than the house. ☐
 - b will depend on who buys it. ☐
 - c will cost less than the house. ☐

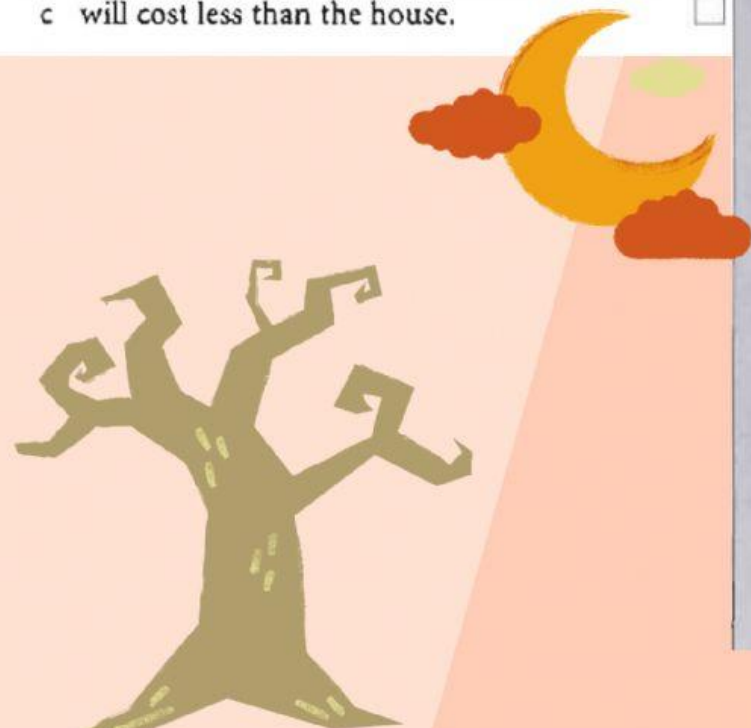
A NEW English country house



It may look like a giant starfish, but in fact it's an artist's impression of Grafton New Hall, the futuristic winner of a Royal Institute of British Architects competition for a modern English country house. It was designed by Ushida Findlay architects, better known for ultra-modern town houses in Tokyo. It's an extraordinary building which is unlike any other in England. The house is designed to look as if it's growing out of the ground; it is very low, and will be almost invisible from a distance.

Inside, the differences continue. The house has four wings, and each wing has a different role – sleeping, cooking and eating, relaxing, and entertaining friends. The wings are designed to be used at different times of day, according to the position of the sun. The main bedroom faces the sunrise, the open-plan living spaces will be lit by the midday sun, and the swimming pool area faces the sunset.

But so far Grafton New Hall only exists as architectural plans and an artist's impression. The house will not be built until someone offers to buy it. It will cost about £4 million to build, and will be very expensive to furnish. How much money is spent depends on who buys it and whether it ends up as a technology-filled James Bond home or a minimalist hideaway. The most likely buyers might be Manchester United footballers, pop stars, or super-rich businesspeople.



Now match the words to their definitions.

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| 1 very rich | <u>super-rich</u> |
| 2 very unusual | _____ |
| 3 very big | _____ |
| 4 very modern | _____ |
| 5 impossible to see | _____ |
| 6 with very little furniture or decoration | _____ |
| 7 with no dividing walls | _____ |

2. Pronunciation:

a Underline the stressed syllable.

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| 1 <u>arm</u> chair | 7 garage |
| 2 chimney | 8 cottage |
| 3 residential | 9 inhabitant |
| 4 detached | 10 suburbs |
| 5 terraced | 11 dishwasher |
| 6 balcony | 12 apartment |

b Underline the words you would normally stress in these sentences.

- 1 If you went to classes, you'd learn to swim in two months.
- 2 I wouldn't work if I didn't need the money.
- 3 If you went to bed earlier, you'd feel better.
- 4 She'd phone if she couldn't come.
- 5 We'd get there quicker if we took a taxi.

**A winner is a dreamer who
never gives up. – Nelson
Mandela.**



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