

## B1 READING EXERCISES

Janet Morris was looking for a flat to buy in London. When she saw a top floor flat in Hampstead, she knew this was the one she wanted. \_\_\_\_\_ What she really liked was the flat roof just outside the large glass windows. She thought that she could turn it into a garden.

She bought the flat and contacted a garden designer, Terry Moore. But as soon as Terry saw the roof, he knew there was a problem. \_\_\_\_\_ It certainly wasn't strong enough to support the weight of soil and plants. They are really heavy, especially when they become wet.

But Terry did not give up. He contacted an engineer for advice. The engineer said that it was possible to make the roof stronger. To do this, they would need to say lay many long pieces of metal across the roof. \_\_\_\_\_ It would not be cheap. But Janet didn't mind paying for it. After all, the roof garden was the reason she bought the flat.

Another problem was the view from the roof. Janet hoped to enjoy the views of London from her new garden. \_\_\_\_\_ People like their homes to be private. They don't want strangers looking through their windows! Janet could only get permission to build her roof garden if there were no views from it. So pots were fixed around the edge of the flat roof and tall bushes were planted inside. With these in place it was impossible to see into other people's homes. That solution satisfied the town planners. \_\_\_\_\_ She says that her garden is cosy, and she can't hear the noise of the city traffic.

*Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose from the sentences A-G the one which fits each gap. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.*

- A Janet doesn't mind the lack of view.
- B It wasn't strong enough even for one person to walk there.
- C But he was pretty sure he could solve the problem.
- D But it was possible to see into other flats from there.
- E The view from the windows of the flat was incredible.
- F The flat itself didn't attract her attention.
- G These could then be covered with wood to make the garden more attractive.
- H Garden plants could be planted directly into them