

"HOUSEBUILDER" LISTENING



You will hear an interview with a professor called Martin Hart and a housebuilder called Anna Peterson, who are talking about houses made out of blocks of straw. Choose the best answer from the questions below.

1 What does Martin Hart say about using straw in the construction of houses?

- A Large amounts of straw are currently wasted every year.
- B The straw used is not good enough quality to give to animals.
- C Enough straw can be produced to build a high number of houses.

2 When developing the technology for building straw houses, Martin added bricks to the outside because

- A this meant the houses fitted with the surroundings.
- B this helped to keep heat inside the houses.
- C this made the walls of the houses much straighter.

3. What objection did Martin receive about the straw houses his team built?

- A There were concerns about what would happen in a fire.
- B People were worried about the carbon dioxide in the walls.
- C The walls would not be able to support the weight of the building.

4 Anna Peterson decided to build a straw house for the first time because

- A she thought they would become very popular
- B she was curious to experiment with new materials
- C she had clients

5 When describing her current role in straw house projects, Anna explains that

- A she works mainly with the site supervisors.
- B she often assists with constructing the roof.
- C she personally leads the team of carpenters.

6 The most important consideration for Anna is all her projects now is to

- A choose natural materials.
- B create unique homes
- C use simple designs

7 When talking about the future, Anna expresses her desire to

- A win an award for her work in building straw houses.
- B carry out her plan for building straw houses at a reduced cost.
- C teach others the techniques of building straw houses.

