

COLÉGIO PIO XI

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2º ANOS - ATIVIDADE REFERENTE A UNIDADE 1



Reading worksheet

1 Look at the title. Circle the topics you think the text will mention.

architecture celebrity controversy crime environment poverty wealth

2 Read the text and check your answers to exercise 1.

The world's most expensive home

- 1 1 Where would you expect to find the world's most expensive home? New York? Hollywood? Tokyo? In fact, it's in India's largest city, Mumbai.
- 5 2 Mumbai has been growing rapidly over the last 20 years, and it now has a population of 12.5 million. The city has been getting richer, too; there are over 60 billionaires in India, and about 20 of them are residents of Mumbai. One of these, Mukesh Ambani, has created the world's most expensive family home, "Antilia", a huge 27-story contemporary building overlooking the ocean.
- 10 3 The house took more than three years to build. It was completed in 2010, and the Ambani family moved in a year later. No one knows exactly how much Mr. Ambani paid for it, but most experts agree that the total cost was at least US\$1 billion.
- 15 4 The house caters to every possible need, with a number of swimming pools, a huge library, a gym, a theater, and hanging gardens over four stories. There is a spacious health club and an "ice room" full of artificial snow for people who want to chill out in the Mumbai heat. Mr. Ambani's family consists of his wife Nita, their three children, and his mother – but the house has plenty of room for guests. On the first six stories of the building there are parking spaces for more than 160 cars, and there are three helicopter landing pads on the roof. Even
- 20 when there aren't any visitors, the Ambani family won't be on their own; the house is so big that it needs hundreds of staff to run it.
- 25 5 Of course, from the top of the house the views over the ocean and the city are spectacular. However, some of the largest slums in Asia are in Mumbai, and they are so vast that it's impossible not to notice them from the top of Antilia. And this is why some Mumbai residents are unhappy about the building. They have questioned whether it is right to spend

so much money on a family home in a city where thousands of people live in cramped, dirty accommodation – and where thousands more have no home at all.

- 6 But is this criticism fair? Mr. Ambani has certainly spent a huge amount of money on his luxurious home, but there is no doubt that he and his wife have helped the local community in many ways. They have built a school and a hospital, for example, and Mr. Ambani's company employs thousands of Indian people. Antilia's architects were American, but most of the construction workers were local.
- 7 The people of Mumbai have been arguing about Antilia ever since it was built. The disagreements will probably continue for years to come.

Glossary

criticism (*n*) a statement showing disapproval

luxurious (*adj*) very comfortable; containing expensive and enjoyable things

notice (*v*) see or hear someone or something; become aware of someone or something

staff (*n*) all the workers employed in an organization considered as a group

story (*n*) a level of a building; a floor

vast (*adj*) extremely large in area, size, amount, etc.

3 Read the text again. Match headings A–E with paragraph numbers 2–6.

- A Looking out over Mumbai _____
- B The price remains a secret _____
- C Helping the people of India _____
- D An expanding city _____
- E The house that has everything _____

4 Find words 1–6 in the text. Choose the correct definitions.

1 rapidly (paragraph 2)

- A gradually B strangely
C quickly

2 experts (paragraph 3)

- A people who have traveled a lot B people who know a lot
C people who build houses

3 plenty of (paragraph 4)

- A very big B a little C a lot of

4 spectacular (paragraph 5)

- A fantastic B frightening
C a long way away

5 cramped (paragraph 5)

- A polluted B crowded
C dangerous

6 employs (paragraph 6)

A
C gives education to

gives accommodation to

B gives work t

5 Read the text again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The population of Mumbai ...
 - A has always been big.
 - B is getting smaller.
 - C includes 60 billionaires.
 - D was 12.5 million about twenty years ago.
 - E is bigger now than it used to be.
- 2 The amount that Mr. Ambani paid for Antilia was ...
 - A exactly US\$1 billion.
 - B probably US\$1 billion or more.
 - C definitely less than US\$1 billion.
 - D probably less than US\$1 billion.
 - E definitely more than US\$1 billion.
- 3 You can see Mumbai's slums from Antilia because they are very ...
 - A big.
 - B close.
 - C cramped.
 - D poor.
 - E numerous.
- 4 Antilia was designed by ...
 - A Indians.
 - B Mr. Ambani.
 - C Mr. Ambani's family.
 - D Americans.
 - E Mr. Ambani's company.

6 Which of the following is mentioned as a criticism of Mr. Ambani?

- A He has spent a lot of money on his home.
- B He never helps local people.
- C He has too much money.
- D He has created slums in Mumbai.
- E His house needs hundreds of staff.

7 We can infer from the text that the author of the passage thinks that ...

- A Antilia is a waste of money.
- B Antilia is not a very interesting building.
- C it was a good idea to build Antilia.

- D Antilia has produced strong feelings among local people.
- E Mr. Ambani is only interested in money.

8 Look at the underlined verb in the extract below. Choose the correct explanation of the verb tense.

The people of Mumbai have been arguing about Antilia ever since it was built.

- A Action that started in the past, and is now finished.
- B Action that started in the past, and is continuing now.
- C Action that started very recently.
- D Action that is starting now, and will continue into the future.
- E Action that happens at regular intervals.

AS QUESTÕES A SEGUIR ENVOLVEM A LETRA DA MÚSICA DOS BEATLES, “ ALL I NEED IS LOVE”, UTILIZE A INTERNET COMO FONTE DE PESQUISA PARA A CANÇÃO.

SONG: “All You Need Is Love” – The Beatles

LINK PARA VISUALIZAÇÃO DO VÍDEO: <https://vimeo.com/176129699>

9. Drag and drop the verbs under the correct column.

do	made	known	sing	save	saved	knew	showed	made
sung	did	make	know	done	show	sang	saved	shown

SIMPLE PRESENT	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE

10. According to the song, it is correct to say that:

- a) love can help you live better.
- b) some things are simply impossible to be done.

c) the singers are lonely.