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**Level 4 – 11th February, 2021**

## **London's thinnest house sells for \$1.3 million**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

House values are rising worldwide. The price of a house in London is raising eyebrows. It is 2 metres wide and is on sale for \$1.3 million. This could buy you a seven-bedroom mansion elsewhere in the UK. The "skinny" house has five floors and two bedrooms. The real estate agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was converted by a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's quirky and charming and great for entertaining."

The property is 1.6 metres at its narrowest point and 8 metres long. There is a kitchen and dining room on the first floor, and a living room on the second floor. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its cramped space, it is a one-of-a-kind design, like a luxury yacht. The agent said it "makes the most of small spaces". It is ideal for a young couple or single person. The agent said: "It is a unique part of London history. It's a bit of London magic."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/london-thinnest-house-sale-scli-intl-gbr/index.html>  
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/13989405/londons-narrowest-house-950000/>  
<https://www.winkworth.co.uk/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. House values are      | a. agent             |
| 2. raising               | b. mansion           |
| 3. on sale               | c. eyebrows          |
| 4. a seven-bedroom       | d. house             |
| 5. elsewhere             | e. rising worldwide  |
| 6. real estate           | f. as a hat shop     |
| 7. It started life       | g. in the UK         |
| 8. the ultimate designer | h. for \$1.3 million |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 1.6 metres at its narrowest | a. yacht             |
| 2. the main                    | b. of London history |
| 3. it is a one-of-a-           | c. bedroom           |
| 4. a luxury                    | d. magic             |
| 5. it makes the most of small  | e. point             |
| 6. a young couple or           | f. spaces            |
| 7. It is a unique part         | g. single person     |
| 8. It's a bit of London        | h. kind design       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

House (1) \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. The price of a house in London (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is 2 metres wide and is on sale for \$1.3 million. This could buy you a seven-bedroom (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK. The "skinny" house has five floors and two bedrooms. The real estate agent said: "It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a hat shop and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and great for entertaining."

The property is 1.6 metres at (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and 8 metres long. There is a kitchen and dining room on the first floor, and a living room on the second floor. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on the fifth floor. Despite its cramped space, it is a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ design, like a luxury yacht. The agent said it "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ of small spaces". It is ideal for a young (11) \_\_\_\_\_ person. The agent said: "It is a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ London history. It's a bit of London magic."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PROPERTY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about property in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210211-london-property-4.html>

Write about **property** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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