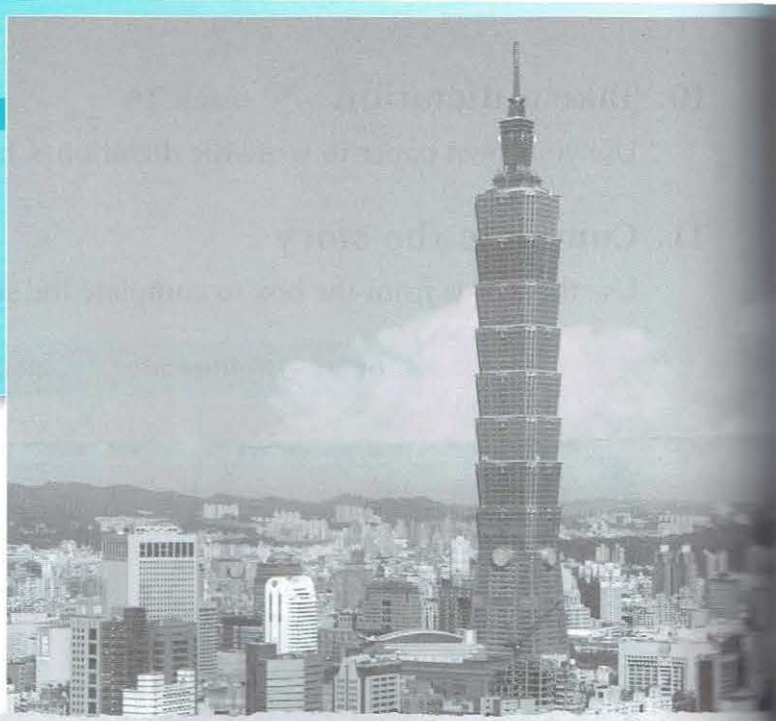


Reaching to the Sky



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

TAIPEI, TAIWAN ¹Taipei 101, the world's **highest** building, opened in 2004 after six years of work. With 101 **floors**, it stands tall above the other buildings in Taipei—a half kilometer tall! ²“Taipei 101 **reaches** to the sky like a **plant**,” says one of the architects*, C. P. Wang.

³Taipei 101 has eight sections**, a **lucky** number for the Chinese. ⁴It is **also** very **strong**. Taiwan often has **earthquakes** and strong winds, but they cannot **damage** it. ⁵The **elevators** are

the fastest and most **modern** in the world. They travel at 60 kilometers per hour. You arrive on the 91st floor in 39 seconds, and from there you can look out over Taipei.

⁶By 2008, Seoul will have a taller building. But for now, Taipei 101 is Number One.

*architects: people who have the job of planning buildings

**sections: parts of something

NEW WORDS

high *adj*
floor *n*
reach *v*

plant *n*
lucky *adj*
also *adv*

strong *adj*
earthquake *n*
damage *v*

elevator *n*
modern *adj*
by *prep*

>> See Glossary on page 92. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



3. Check your comprehension

Correct five mistakes in the story summary.

Taipei 101 is the world's tallest plant. It's a half kilometer tall! Taipei 101 has eight sections and ten floors. It is weak, and earthquakes cannot damage it. The elevators are modern and slow. You can go to the 91st floor and see all of Taiwan.

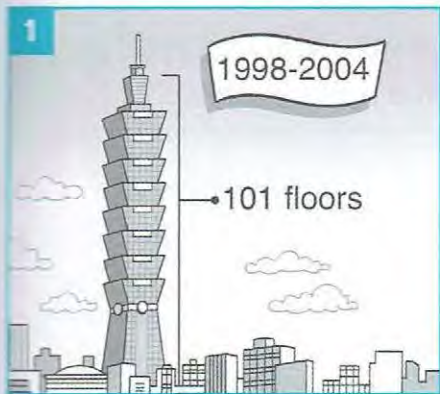
4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- With 101 f_ _ _rs, Taipei 101 is a very h_ _ _ building!
- Eight is a l_ _ _ _ number for the Chinese.
- Earthquakes will not da_ _ _ _ the building because it is st_ _ _ _.
- B_ 2008, Seoul will al_ _ have a very tall building.

5. Listen to the story track 20

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What does the architect say about Taipei 101?
- Why must the building be strong?
- How fast do the elevators move?
- Would you like to go up Taipei 101? Why or why not?

About you...

- What is the tallest building in your town? In your country?
- How high do you think buildings will get by 2020?
- Do you have earthquakes or strong winds in your country? How often?
- Would you like to be an architect? Why or why not?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

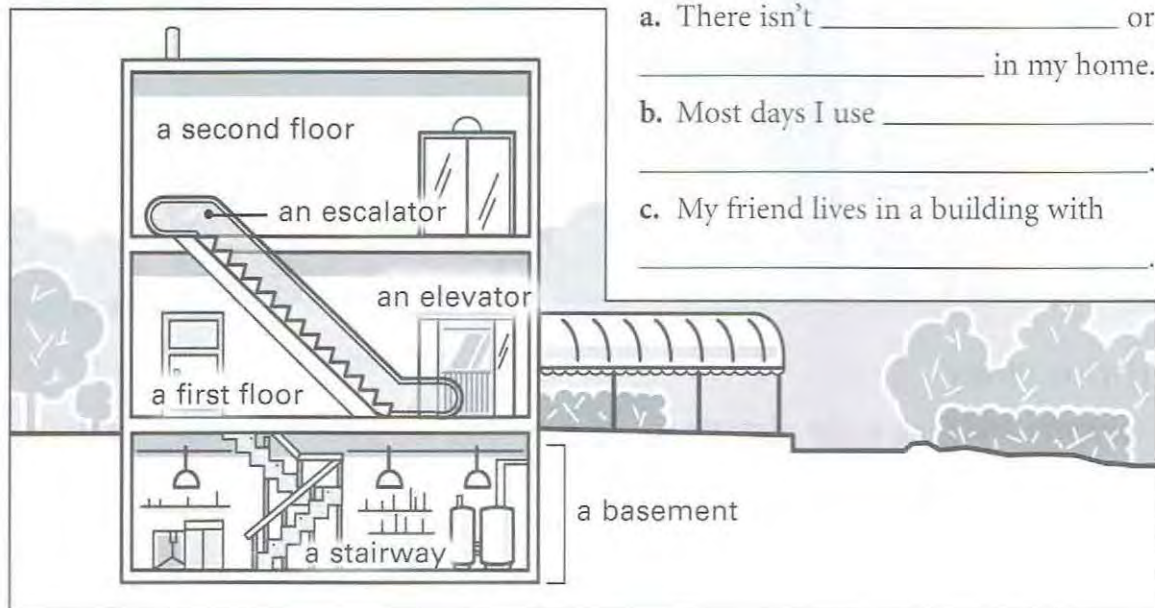
STRONG			
a very	strong	building	Taipei 101 is a very strong building.
a really		wind	<i>We had really strong winds!</i>
an extremely		person	<i>My grandfather is an extremely strong person.</i>
an unusually		earthquake	<i>Turkey had an unusually strong earthquake.</i>

- My _____ is _____ strong person.
- We had _____ last year.
- _____ is _____ building.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

IN A BUILDING



10. Take a dictation track 21

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

modern lucky stairway extremely strong winds highest damage elevator

“Monstrous” Building Is Now World Famous

PARIS, FRANCE One hundred years ago, the Eiffel Tower* was the (1) _____ building in the world. But when it opened in 1889, after just two years of work, it was not popular with Parisians. “It’s monstrous**!” said angry French artists about the (2) _____ building.

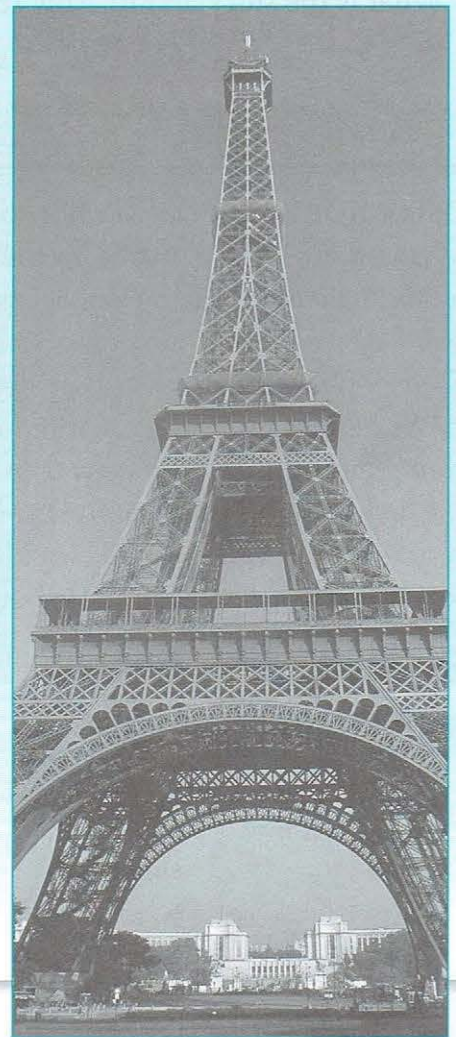
But slowly, Parisians learned to love the tower, and today they feel (3) _____. It is in the middle of Paris and a work of art. Every year, six million tourists visit this very popular building in Europe. Take the (4) _____ or walk up the very long (5) _____, and then you can see all of Paris at your feet.

(6) _____ sometimes hit Paris. But Parisians are not worried. The winds cannot (7) _____ the famous building. Two and a half million rivets*** keep it together.

*tower: a high, narrow building

**monstrous: big and ugly

***rivets: small pieces of metal that hold two things together



Talk about the stories

How are Taipei 101 and the Eiffel Tower similar? How are they different? Which one would you most like to visit? Why?