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Wörterbuch, gedruckt oder elektronisch

**Zeit**

40 Minuten

Die Experten:

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# Faulty Tower

Six years late, £11m over budget –  
and its glass lift stops 30 metres up in the air

By Bill Mouland

It was a moment that celebrated the completion of a 170-metre tall building that promised fantastic views across land and sea.

Originally planned for 2000, the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth was six years late and £11 million over budget but at last it was ready.

Hundreds watched as project manager David Greenhalgh led two VIPs into the glass lift, which only **(1)**..... 90 seconds to reach the top of the tower. Countdown over, the door closed and they had lift-off.

But, ten seconds later, the trip stopped only 30 metres up. And there they stayed, red-faced with embarrassment, as engineers on the end of abseiling ropes tried to find out **(2)**..... a lift that went up couldn't go up or come down. It was a long one hour and 40 minutes before the lift came down to the ground and Mr Greenhalgh was freed with his fellow 'prisoners' John Neal, from developers Mowlem, and city director Roger Ching. Mr Neal said: "Unusual winds caused a fault in the lift."

Mr Greenhalgh added: "It is personally very embarrassing, disappointing and annoying. The lift had run non-stop **(3)**..... 12 hours through the night and then it was just in the final running trials when we had the problem. At least it was the three people involved in the commissioning of the lift who were trapped in it. We did our best. I want to say a big sorry to the people of Portsmouth."

From its three observation decks, the tower offers unbeatable views over Hampshire, the River Solent and Admiral Nelson's flagship 'Victory' in its dry dock. Up to 700,000 visitors a year are expected to visit it, paying £4.95 to go up in an internal lift and an extra £2 for the glass version. But at a total cost of £36 million, critics of the tower say that it will take 50 years **(4)**..... . After yesterday's problem, the glass lift was out of action for more tests although the other lift was working. Juliana Delaney, CEO of Heritage Incorporated, which runs the attraction for the city, said: "I think it is better for Mr Greenhalgh to be trapped in there than any of my paying customers. He insisted it was reliable so it is right that he should be trapped in it. All lifts have start-up problems. We have always been unsure about the reliability of the lift but not its safety. I asked the technicians to operate the lift **(5)**..... the night to make sure that it was working properly. Mr Greenhalgh has had a marvellous view so maybe I should ask him for £2 for the time that he spent in there."



**Task A1** (10 points)

Choose the best word – A, B or C – from the list below for each gap in the text.  
Write the letter in the box.

**Put the letter here**



1	<b>A takes</b>	<b>B uses</b>	<b>C lasts</b>	
2	<b>A when</b>	<b>B why</b>	<b>C what</b>	
3	<b>A since</b>	<b>B for</b>	<b>C while</b>	
4	<b>A to make a loss</b>	<b>B to lose money</b>	<b>C to make a profit</b>	
5	<b>A over</b>	<b>B through</b>	<b>C around</b>	

**Task A2** (10 points)

Look at the article about the Spinnaker Tower again.  
Answer the questions below.

**Please use keywords.**

1 The Spinnaker Tower was famous for two negative reasons when it opened. What were these reasons? (key words)	a) b)
2 What people exactly were trapped in the lift?	
3 Why did the lift stop? What was the problem?	
4 How much does it cost to travel to the top of the tower in the glass lift?	
5 Why did CEO Juliana Delaney think it was right that Mr Greenhalgh was trapped in the lift?	

**Bitte wenden!**

**Task B** (5 points)

Look at the 'For Sale' advertisements listed below.  
They describe businesses (most with living accommodation) that are for sale.  
Decide which business (A–H) would be suitable for the person(s).  
You may not use any letter more than once.

FOR SALE	
<b>A</b>	<b>Village shop with post office.</b> Located in a quiet village (pop. 252) near Salisbury. Ideal business for a couple. Two-bedroom flat over the shop.
<b>B</b>	<b>Small town bicycle shop</b> with excellent sales (agency for 2 top-class bicycle names). Small flat but no garden.
<b>C</b>	<b>Pizza/burger takeaway</b> in a large housing area. Modern catering equipment and enormous potential. Large 3-bedroom house next to shop.
<b>D</b>	<b>Beach road gift shop</b> in the holiday town of Paignton. Only open April to September and no other shop like it there. Small flat needs some work.
<b>E</b>	<b>Nail studio</b> in Glasgow city centre. Now closed because of owner's illness. Gold mine for an ambitious cosmetician. Small flat.
<b>F</b>	<b>Language school</b> near Heathrow Airport, London. Owner retiring. Large building with apartment, ten classrooms and cafeteria. Growth potential.
<b>G</b>	<b>Small watch and jewellery boutique</b> in an elegant area of Wilmslow. Any reasonable offer accepted. What are you waiting for?
<b>H</b>	<b>Harley-Davidson agency</b> for sale. High price but turnover is climbing at a fantastic rate (20 bikes and more sold each month!). No accommodation at the business but owner's large house is also for sale.

**Put the letter here**



- 1 Sports and gymnastics teacher Roger (single) has had enough of working in schools and wants to find a business that he will enjoy. He loves any sport in the fresh air but not motor sports. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Sally and Derek retired early to live in Spain but May to August are too hot. They would like a small business in England where they could enjoy the cool summers. They are very experienced in operating kiosks and magazine shops. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Bert has worked as a cook for Wendy's, KFC and McDonald's and believes it is time to find a business of his own. Where can he find something with accommodation for his family (3 kids), too? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Bill and Marjorie are bored now that their kids have left home and they have sold their busy pub. They miss the contact with people and would like a small established business in a rural location. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Ambitious and frustrated by her low salary, hairdresser/make-up stylist Julie wants her own place. She has lots of trendy ideas but needs to be her own boss. \_\_\_\_\_