

- 8 Read the following article. Five sentences have been removed from it. Choose one sentence for each gap from the sentences below.

- A Every day more than 6,000 people enjoy taking the free tour around the president's home.
- B For the American people, the White House is more than just an amazing place to visit.
- C But caring for this huge house is very expensive.
- D A competition was held to find an architect for this important project.
- E So, unfortunately, he never lived there.

The White House

Can you imagine using more than 2,280 litres of paint to paint the outside of your house? Well, that's how much white paint is needed to paint the White House, the home of the president of the United States.

It was America's first president, George Washington, who decided in 1790, to have a house built in Washington DC for US presidents. **1** John Hoban, from Ireland, won the competition and the building of the White House began in 1792. When it was finally completed eight years later, George Washington was no longer the president. **2**

A trip to Washington DC would not be complete without visiting the White House. **3** They're amazed to discover that there are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 3 lifts and 28 fireplaces. When the president and his family want to relax or have fun, they don't need to look outside their home. They can enjoy the use of their own swimming pool, indoor tennis court, cinema and bowling lane.

4 It costs about \$9,000,000 a year or about \$25,000 a day and this doesn't include taking care of the garden.

5 This impressive and historic building symbolises democracy and the independence of their country.

- 9 Circle the correct answer.

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. John Hoban / George Washington chose where the White House would be built.
2. It took eight / three years to complete the building of the White House.
3. Tourists enjoy visiting / relaxing in the White House.
4. Tickets to tour the White House cost / don't cost money.
5. It costs millions / thousands of dollars a day to take care of the White House.