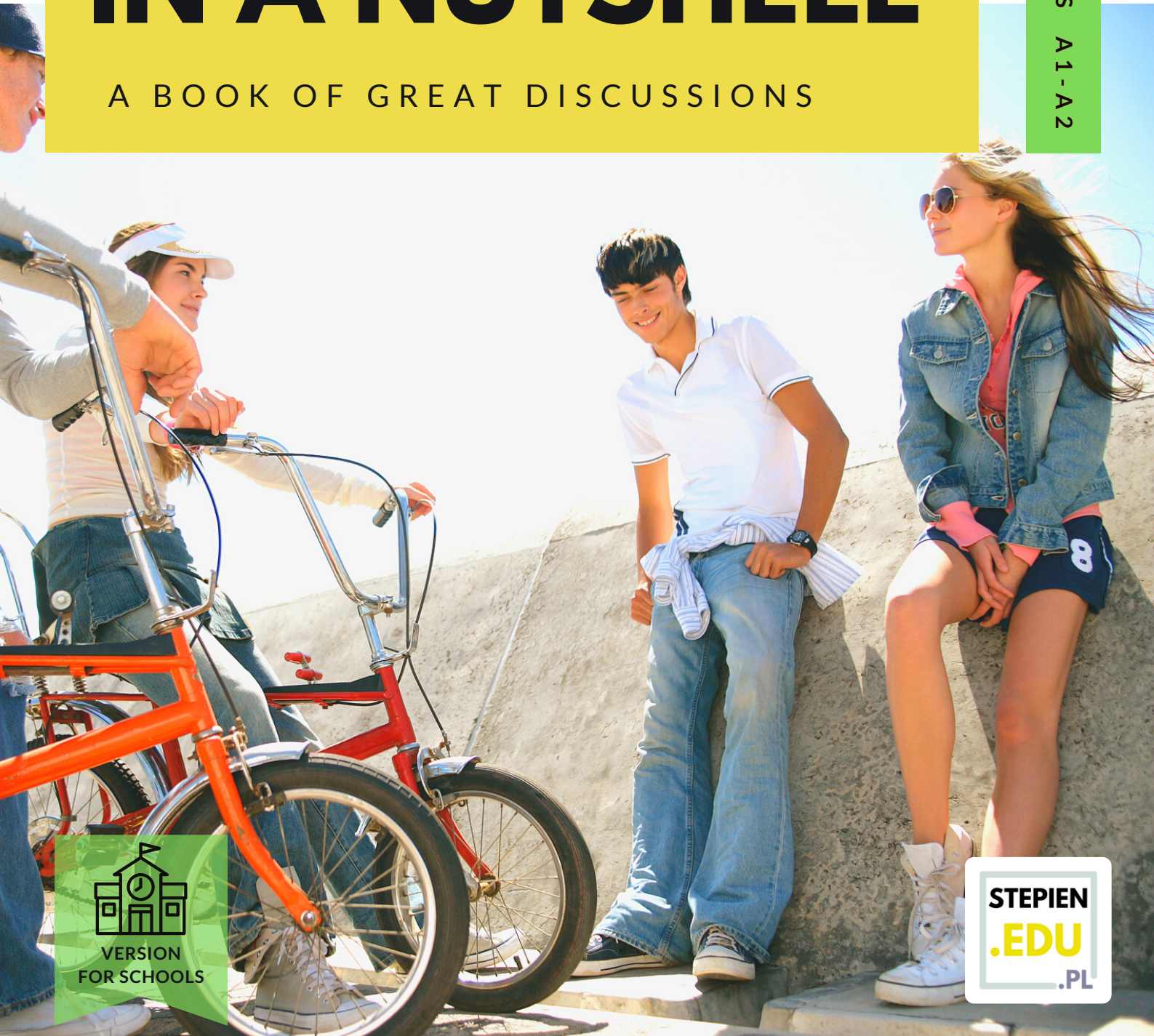


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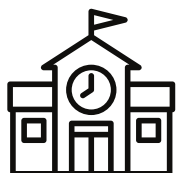
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PART 2

HOUSE

DISCUSSION 5

HOUSE

The world's largest palace

People like big **buildings**. Many rich and famous people build big and expensive houses. Kings have big houses, too. The houses of kings are called **palaces** and castles.

The biggest palace in the world is in Bucharest. Bucharest is the **capital** of Romania. The name of the palace is the Palace of the Parliament and Romanian politicians work there today.

The palace in Bucharest is 84 metres high and has a **surface** of 365,000 **square metres**! There are more than 1100 rooms in the palace on 12 floors. People say that there are many floors **underground** - a minimum of eight. This is a lot of space. About 70% of the rooms are **empty**.

A team of 700 architects **designed** the palace and about 20,000 people built it. It took 13 years to finish the building. We know that the building is very expensive because today its cost is 4 billion euros.

The building is very **heavy** because it **weighs** 4.10 million tonnes. Only one building in the world is heavier: The Great Pyramid of Giza. If you visit Romania, you can go inside the Palace of the Parliament. One ticket costs about 7 euros.



ANSWER

What do you call the houses of kings?

Where is the world's biggest palace?

Who works in the Palace of the Parliament in Romania?

How high is the Palace of the Parliament?

How many rooms and floors does the palace have?

How many people built the palace?

Can you visit the Palace of the Parliament?



DISCUSS

It is great to live in a castle.



ARGUMENT BANK

"Famous people come to visit you."

"It is not for normal people."

"You must be very rich."

"You must have a lot of cleaners and gardeners."

"Palaces are beautiful."

"You can organise big parties there."

Take notes!

BEFORE YOU READ

Match the phrases on the left to the phrases on the right.

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|----|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | building | A | powierzchnia |
| 2 | palace | B | metr kwadratowy |
| 3 | capital | C | pusty |
| 4 | surface | D | projektować |
| 5 | square metre | E | budynek |
| 6 | underground | F | pałac |
| 7 | empty | G | ważyć |
| 8 | to design | H | ciężki |
| 9 | heavy | I | pod ziemią |
| 10 | to weigh | J | stolica |

AFTER YOU READ

Say/Write full sentences by filling in the gaps with the correct forms of the phrases from the exercise above.

- 1) There are no more sweets in the box.
The box is _____.
- 2) The Queen lives in a _____.
- 3) The living room in my house has 35 _____.
- 4) This building was _____ by a famous architect.
- 5) Do you know what the _____ of this room is?
- 6) I _____ only 60 kilograms.
- 7) Some trains in big cities travel _____.
- 8) These bags are so _____!
- 9) A school and a church are the examples of _____.
- 10) Berlin is the _____ of Germany.



Write down 5 arguments FOR.

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Write down 5 arguments AGAINST.

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Retell the article using the words/phrases below.

kings, **Bucharest**, politicians, **84 metres high**
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70% empty, 700 architects, **weighs**

DISCUSSION 5

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- 2) The Queen lives in a _____. (PAŁAC)
- 3) The living room in my house has 35 _____.
(METRY KWADRATOWE)
- 4) This building was _____ by a famous architect.
(ZAPROJEKTOWANY)
- 5) Do you know what the _____ of this room is?
(POWIERZCHNIA)
- 6) I _____ only 60 kilograms. (WAŻYĆ)
- 7) Some trains in big cities travel _____. (POD ZIEMIĄ)
- 8) These bags are so _____.! (CIĘŻKI)
- 9) A school and a church are the examples of _____.
(BUDYNKI)
- 10) Berlin is the _____ of Germany. (STOLICA)

DISCUSSION 7

- 1) The _____ of my house is red. (DACH)
- 2) My grandmother _____ five years ago. (UMARŁA)
- 3) One World Trade centre has one _____, not two. (WIEŻA)
- 4) A _____ is a very tall, modern building. (DRAPACZ CHMUR)
- 5) It is very cold. Come _____! (W ŚRODKU)
- 6) The Palace of Culture and Science is _____ in Warsaw.
(ZNAJDOWAĆ SIĘ)
- 7) He is a businessman and he works in an _____. (BIURO)
- 8) When _____ attack a city, many people can die.
(TERRORYŚCI)
- 9) There is a _____ on the top of many skyscrapers. (IGLICA)
- 10) The _____ of the building cost
one million dollars. (BUDOWA)

DISCUSSION 6

- 1) Take the clothes out of the _____. (PRALKA)
- 2) Put the dirty plates in the _____. (ZMYWARKA)
- 3) I want to _____ a pizza for dinner. (PRZYGOTOWAĆ)
- 4) This phone application is very _____. (PRZYDATNY)
- 5) There are many home _____ which help people in
everyday life. (URZĄDZENIA)
- 6) The car has a big _____ and it is loud. (SILNIK)
- 7) Put the milk in the _____. (LODÓWKA)
- 8) Your shirt is _____. You must wash it. (BRUDNY)
- 9) When you finish eating, _____ please.
(ZMYWAĆ NACZYNNIA)
- 10) I don't know who _____ the telephone.
(WYNALAZŁ)

DISCUSSION 8

- 1) I don't have much _____ in my room. Only a desk, a bed
and a closet. (MEBLE)
- 2) In December, there are Christmas decorations in
every _____. (SKLEP)
- 3) I _____ this LEGO set yesterday. (ZŁOŻYŁEM)
- 4) This bookcase is made of _____. (DREWNO)
- 5) We have so many clothes that we
have to buy a bigger _____. (SZAFKA)
- 6) You can buy some kitchen _____ here. (AKCESORIA)
- 7) If you do your homework _____, you will learn something.
(SAMEMU)
- 8) Jim is a very _____ boy. (SPRYTNY)
- 9) I have a new _____. His name is Paul. (SZEF)
- 10) Breakfast is the most important _____ of the day.
(POSIŁEK)

PART 16

QUIZZES

MONEY MAKES MONEY

1. Why do people need money?
A) to buy food or clothes
B) to print it at home
C) to spend it on clothes
2. What do you call people who have much money?
A) poor
B) rich
C) happy
3. Who is the richest person now?
A) Elon Musk
B) John D. Rockefeller
C) Bill Gates
4. Who was the richest person in history?
A) Elon Musk
B) John D. Rockefeller
C) Bill Gates
5. How much money did Rockefeller have?
A) 6 billion dollars
B) 600 million dollars
C) 660 billion dollars
6. What business did Rockefeller have?
A) a company which made cars
B) a company which sold oil
C) a company which sold computers
7. What special day did Rockefeller celebrate?
A) his birthday
B) the anniversary of his marriage
C) the day he got his first job

LIFE OF A STAR

8. What kind of music do most people listen to?
A) rock
B) jazz
C) pop
9. How old is Ed Sheeran?
A) in his thirties
B) in his fifties
C) in his twenties
10. When did he start his career?
A) in 2020
B) in 2016
C) in 2011
11. What can you say about Ed Sheeran's music?
A) it is very energetic
B) it is very catchy
C) it is very slow
12. What can you say about his guitars?
A) they have funny names
B) they were made by one company
C) he never uses a guitar longer than a year
13. Is he single?
A) yes, he is
B) yes, but he had a wife before
C) no
14. What is Ed Sheeran's motto?
A) you should listen to music
B) you should dance waltz
C) you should smile and eat some chocolate

SPORTSMAN, ACTOR, POLITICIAN

15. What do people do to look good?
A) read about bodybuilders
B) wear nice clothes, go to the gym
C) watch films and eat fast food
16. What do you call people who train at the gym?
A) trainers
B) coaches
C) bodybuilders
17. Where was Arnold Schwarzenegger born?
A) in Austria
B) in Germany
C) in the USA
18. When did he start going to the gym?
A) when he was 7
B) when he was 22
C) when he was 15
19. What was Arnold's second profession?
A) politician
B) actor
C) gym coach
20. What was "The Terminator" about?
A) about the teenage years of Arnold
B) about robots that wanted to destroy the world
C) about Arnold's career as a politician
21. What did Arnold do when he finished playing in Hollywood films?
A) he became a politician
B) he stopped working at all
C) he started selling cars

THANK YOU, DELAYED TRAIN

22. Who is Harry Potter?
A) a wizard
B) a teacher
C) a pirate
23. Who wrote the books about Harry Potter?
A) Carol Rowling
B) Joanne Rowling
C) Joanne Potter
24. Where was Joanne Rowling born?
A) in London
B) in Edinburgh
C) in Manchester
25. What happened while Joanne was waiting for a delayed train?
A) she created Harry Potter
B) she met her husband
C) she met her publisher
26. How many publishers did not like the book?
A) 12
B) 13
C) 1
27. How many Harry Potter books are there?
A) three
B) five
C) seven
28. How many copies of Harry Potter did Joanne sell?
A) 200 million
B) 100 million
C) 500 million

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