**Skyscrapers in New York – Easier texts**

**Empire State Building**

When the Empire State Building was completed, it was the tallest building in the world. Then other skyscrapers where built which were taller. When the twin towers of the World Trade Centre were destroyed on September 11th 2001 it was the tallest building in New York again. It has 102 storeys and is 1454 feet (443.2m) tall. Its name comes from the nickname for New York state.

Flatiron Building

Its shape is a triangle and for that the Flatiron Building is very popular in New York. It has 22 storeys and was completed in 1902. At the time people believed it would collapse because it was so tall. From some offices you can look out onto another famous landmark in New York- the Empire State Building

Crysler Building

It was completed in 1930 and is 1046 feet (320 m) tall. It was the tallest building in the world only until 1931! It was built for a successful car manufacturer. The spire was a secret and so it could be put on top at the last minute, in a race to construct the highest building.

Trump Tower

There are 58 storeys to this extravagant tower located at 725 Fifth Avenue. In the lowest six floors is a shopping mall with lots of stores and cafés. You’ll find nothing but glamour here – a waterfall, marble, mirrors…

The tower was designed in 1983 and is owned by the wealthy businessman Donald Trump. In 2006 its value was estimated at $318 million.

At the time: Damals shape: Form

completed: fertig gebaut spire: Spitze

destroy: zerstören storey: Stockwerke

landmark: Wahrzeichen store: Einkaufsläden

is owned: gehört triangle: Dreieck

secret: Geheimnis wealthy: wohlhabend

**Skyscrapers in New York – Working with the texts on page 70**

**A:** **Try to remember the fourteen blue-coloured words. You’ll need them in a gap-filling exercise.**

**Empire State Building**

This was the tallest building in the world for forty years from its completion in 1931, and after the destruction of the twin towers of the World Trade Center on September 11th 2001 it was – until 2012 – the tallest building in New York. It has 102 storeys and stands 1,454 feet (443.2 m) tall. Its name comes form the nickname for New York state.

**Flatiron Building**

Because of its triangular shape, the Flatiron has become one of New York’s most popular landmarks. It has 22 storeys and was completed in 1902. At that time many people believed it would not withstand the winds because of its exceptional height and shape. From some offices you can look out onto another famous NYC landmark, the Empire State Building.

**Chrysler Building**

Completed in 1930 and standing at 1,046 feet (320 m), this was the tallest building in the world only until 1931! It was built for a successful car manufacturer and the Art Deco decorations were designed to look like car parts, including the shining spire. The spire was kept secret so it could be put on top at the last minute, in a race to construct the highest building!

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**B: Fill in the blue words you had to remember in exercise A.**

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