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What's going on this week?



An Italian architect is planning a city of skyscrapers! Luca Curci said that he wanted to build four self-sufficient, interconnected towers with trees, wildlife and farms.

He claimed that his buildings, for 200,000 people, would be the best way to tackle population growth, pollution and poverty. He says his project, The Link, could save the world and halt urban sprawl. He says, "We need a sustainable vision, my towers are designed to encourage a sense of community." He envisages communities rising 300 floors with shops, cafés and recreation areas with homes, complete with solar panels. Trees and plants would recycle all the carbon dioxide produced. Curci's towers have a horse-shoe shape to create wildlife havens. The blocks would gain stability from their conical form. The communities would be self-sufficient with farms on lower floors.

This week's news story: <https://yhoo.it/2SuVM5G>

This week's useful video: <https://bit.ly/2KXsw38>



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## Main question:

**If you could live anywhere, where would it be?**

## Listen, think, share

- Read through this week's story and talk about Luca Curci's project. Do you think it is a good idea? Would you like to live there?
- Do you think it's likely this is how lots of people will live in the future? Why?
- Read through and discuss the facts about the project below, do you find any of the facts surprising? Which do you find the most interesting? Explain your reason.
  - The link design includes four main towers with over 2 million plants distributed across each floor to improve air quality.
  - The tallest tower will house all the residents and have 300 floors.
  - The towers will be programmed with smart AI, having control over the city temperature, levels of CO2 and even the lighting. Through this, the weather can be controlled.
  - Food production and waste will all be conducted in the towers, so there will be a zero-waste policy allowing residents to live healthier lifestyles.
  - The towers are designed to be completely self-sufficient and include swimming pools, markets and spiritual hubs.
  - Up to 200,000 people could live in the planned Link City-Forest project.
- Thinking about where you live, what is your home like? What do you like about it? Is there anything you would change about it if you could? What about your local area? What amenities are there? Do many others live close by? Do you like living in your locality?
- Talk about why we live where we do. Is it because it is busy or quiet, is it close to family or friends or where some of our family members work? Is it close to shops or our school, or do you need to travel to access these things?
- How is the transport around where you live? Do you need to travel by car or is there public transport, or can you walk to most places?
- If you were asked to describe your home to someone, how would you describe it? What would you say are the benefits to living where you do and what are the disadvantages to living there?
- How important do you think it is for a house to look nice from the exterior? Does it matter to you? How would you describe the opposite type of home to where you live?
- Think about the layout of your home, why do you think the rooms are where they are? Is there anything you would change?

## Further questions for discussion

- What do you think is the biggest single factor in deciding where to live?
- If you have to use three adjectives to describe your ideal home, what would they be and why?