

'Octopus' library stirs up Czechs (2.5 min.)**A controversy has erupted in the Czech Republic over the design of a new national library building in Prague.**

The design, by the Czech-born architect Jan Kaplicky, seems to be loved and loathed in equal measure. Czechs have nicknamed it "the Octopus". Mr Kaplicky has come up with what can best be described as a nine-storey green and purple blob. Now even President Vaclav Klaus has joined the increasingly bitter debate. He is among the opponents. Letna Plain, a dusty and windswept strip of land just a stone's throw away from Prague Castle, is to be the home of the new Czech national library in a few years' time. The library will be purpose-built to house the country's priceless collection of 10 million books and manuscripts. On one side, Mr Kaplicky's fans say the Czech capital should be honoured to host his latest creation. But President Klaus said the design was so ugly, he would prevent construction going ahead with his own body. The president's spokesman says Mr Klaus was joking, but in an architectural jewel such as Prague, putting up new buildings is always a deadly serious matter.

By Rob Cameron, BBC News, Prague

How is the architect related to the Czech Republic?

In the article above, is there the information about the count of floors?

Is the place of the library far away from Prague Castle? How do you know?

Replace the word "priceless" with a synonym.

What is the main purpose of building the library?

What other Kaplicky's creations followed the library?

Complete the sentences. Use **will** or **(be) going to** and the verb in the brackets. (1 min.)

- It's very cold this evening. I think it (snow) in the night.
- It's so hot. I think (go) swimming this afternoon.
- "John's free this evening." - "Really? Perhaps I (invite) him for supper, then."
- Do you think the concert (be) a success?
- I'm sorry, Dad. I (do) it again.
- "Why are you hanging up two stockings?" - "Because Father Christmas (bring) me a lot of presents."

Topic – Mass media (4 min.)

The examiner is going to ask you some questions. Please answer the questions in as much detail as possible. If you don't understand the question, please ask the examiner to repeat it.

Topic – Means of transport (1.5 min.)

Talk about your journey to school.



TOPIC: *The U.K. Geography*

Be X

(6 min.)

The U.K. - Geography

ready to answer any questions that might be asked.

Talk about the basic facts of the U.K. The following ideas may help you:

- Location
- Geography, Climate
- Population
- Political System
- Other

Look at the pictures. Choose some and give some facts about them.

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