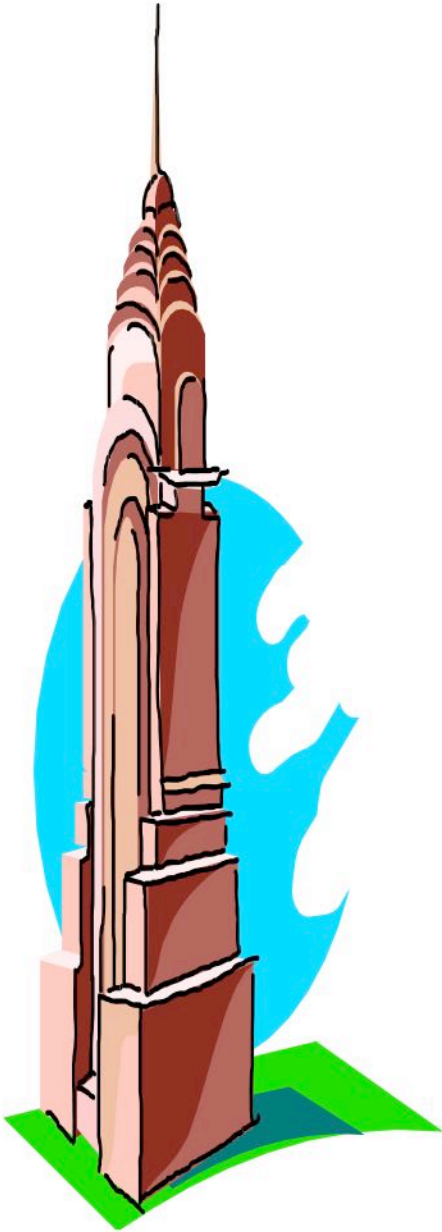


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Olivia was riding an elevator. She was going way, way up! She was going to the top of the Empire State Building in New York City, or almost to the top.

She could have gone to the 110th floor, but the price was too much to pay. It wasn't free to ride the elevator. They also had to go through security checks, so even her bag with her teddy bear had to get checked.

She rode an elevator to the 80th floor. That was very high. Her ears popped a few times on the way up, but the elevator was very fast. Then she rode a second elevator to the 86th floor. That was her destination.

When she got out finally, she saw windows. She could see the sky outside. It looked the same as on the ground. She went out the door to where all the people were standing.

Wow! It was so high. She checked each direction, looking at the buildings below. Most of them were much shorter and smaller than the one she was in. It was so different being up so high.

She smiled at a pigeon that sat on the edge of the building and puffed its feathers up. How could it not be scared? It was so far to go down, and the cars looked like tiny teeny toys!

There was a man dressed up like King Kong, too! That sure was funny to see a big gorilla on top of a building. She got her picture taken with him.

What a view! This really was the way to see the city. She took a lot of pictures before she left, and then she bought a magnet to remind her of what she had seen.

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 - C. in a plane
 - D. to the top of a building
2. How many elevators does Olivia ride to get to the top of the building?
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 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 0
3. Why didn't Olivia go to the 110th floor?
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 - B. It was too scary.
 - C. It was closed.
 - D. It didn't look fun.
4. What did Olivia see on top of the building?
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