

Listen to the recording about Shanghai's new skyscraper. While listening, complete the sentences using a maximum of FOUR words. Write your answers into the boxes on the right.



[Shanghai Tower](#)

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1	Shanghai Tower can be described as _____ .	
2	The new skyscraper was designed by _____.	
3	The purpose of the huge steel box is to _____ .	
4	At the moment, the Shanghai Tower is second in height only to _____.	
5	When the weather is clear you can see _____ .	
6	In contrast to the round form of the Shanghai Tower, most other skyscrapers in the city are _____ .	
7	The purpose of the sky lobbies is for people to _____.	
8	For China, the Shanghai Tower is a symbol of _____ .	

KEY

(recommended answers – other answers may of course be possible)

1. **futuristic**
modern
2. **an American firm (company)**
American architects
Gensler
the US firm Gensler
a US firm
3. **stop building from swaying**
make building / skyscraper more stable
stabilize building / skyscraper
counter wind
counterbalance the wind
stop movement of building / skyscraper
dampen movement of building
4. **(the) Burj Khalifa**
a skyscraper in Dubai
a building in Dubai
5. **to the ocean**
to the sea
50 km
(over) 30 miles
6. **square shaped**
shaped like a square
form of a square
7. **meet**
gather
eat (food)
have a meal
organize cultural events
8. **the country's economic rise**
China's economic rise
the country's wealth
the country's prosperity
China's wealth
China's booming economy