

Answers

1. What comparison did the author make when describing the way the 3D printer looked?
They said it was like a car wash.
2. What does the phrase ‘...and also to stand up to earthquakes!’ tell you about that part of the world?
Accept any answer which refers to that region getting a lot of earthquakes or having a lot of seismic activity.
3. ‘However, they recently joined forces with a 3D printing company, called ICON’.
Tick the phrase that is closest in meaning to ‘joined forces’.
 - ☐ ignored each other
 - ☐ hid from each other
 - ☐ talked for a short time
 - ☒ **worked together on a project**
4. Give two facts that are given in the story about the design and layout of the houses.
Accept any two facts that refer to the following: each home has a living room, bathroom, kitchen and two bedrooms; they are designed to shelter a family from the wind and rain; and also to stand up to earthquakes.
5. ‘Two organisations have teamed up to use the cutting-edge technology of 3D printing.’
Tick the definition that is closest in meaning the use of ‘cutting edge’ in this sentence.
 - ☐ the sharp edge of a knife
 - ☐ an advantage over the competition
 - ☒ **the most advanced technology of the moment**
 - ☐ the least advanced technology of the moment
6. Summarise the story in 20 words or fewer.
Accept any reasonable answer that is 20 words or fewer, e.g. Two organisations have used 3D printers to build homes in a community in Mexico.