

# The architect who designed a vertical forest

Have you ever seen a tall building with plants on it? (Yes, I have seen...)

## Vocabulary

1. provide      2. structures      3. materials      4. skyscrapers      5. architect      6. vertical

## True Story

In 2007, Italian \_\_\_\_\_ Stefano Boeri had an idea to create "vertical forests" on buildings. He saw that \_\_\_\_\_ in Dubai were using \_\_\_\_\_ that made the city hotter. Boeri wanted to use plants instead of glass to make buildings cooler and greener.

In 2014, the first \_\_\_\_\_ forest, called Bosco Verticale, was built in Milan. It has plants on its walls that help cool the air and \_\_\_\_\_ a home for birds. These buildings show that nature can be part of city life.

Many cities around the world, like Eindhoven and Taipei, are now building similar green buildings. These \_\_\_\_\_ not only help the environment but also make people feel happier and healthier. Boeri believes that nature should be a part of our cities.

## Quiz

1. Who had the idea to create "vertical forests"?
2. What material was making Dubai hotter?
3. What is the name of the first vertical forest?
4. Which cities are building similar green buildings?

## True or False

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| 1. Bosco Verticale was built in Dubai.                     | True |  | False |
| 2. Vertical forests help make people feel happier.         | True |  | False |
| 3. Stefano Boeri believes nature should be part of cities. | True |  | False |

## Conversation

A: Stefano, why did you want to put plants on buildings?

B: I thought it would make cities cooler and greener!

A: That's a great idea! How did it go in Milan?

B: It worked well! Bosco Verticale is a success.

A: Are other cities doing the same thing?

B: Yes, places like Eindhoven and Taipei are joining in!

## Discussion

1. Would you like to live in a building with a vertical forest?
2. Why do you think nature is important in cities?
3. What is your favorite plant or tree?
4. Which park in your city do you like the best? Why?