

## Towns and buildings

### 1 Underline the most suitable word.

- a) As you can see, the garden has two ornamental iron *doors/gates* and there is a stone *path/pavement* leading to the house.
- b) This is the front *entry/entrance*, but there is another door at the *edge/side* of the house.
- c) All the rooms have *covered/fitted* carpets.
- d) All the *cupboards/wardrobes* in the kitchen and the *bookshelves/library* in the living room are included in the price.
- e) There is a beautiful stone *chimney/fireplace* in the living room, and there are *sinks/washbasins* in all the bedrooms.
- f) At the top of the *stairs/steps* there is a *coloured/stained* glass window.
- g) The bathroom has a *shower/washer* and modern mixer *pipes/taps*.
- h) At the top of the house there is a/an *attic/cellar* and the garden contains a *glasshouse/greenhouse* and a garden *hut/shed*.
- i) There is a wooden *fence/wall* on one side of the garden, and a *bush/hedge* at the other.
- j) This is a fine *single/detached* house in a quiet *neighbourhood/suburb*.

### 2 Match the words in the box with a suitable explanation (a-l). Not all words are possible.

|          |         |         |       |                 |            |             |          |       |
|----------|---------|---------|-------|-----------------|------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| curtains | drive   | parking | shelf | central heating | dishwasher | furniture   | radiator | stool |
| cook     | doormat | landing | rug   | door knocker    | letter-box | settee/sofa |          |       |

- a) Rectangular hole in the front door. ....
- b) Long narrow rectangular piece of wood or metal fixed to the wall.  
.....
- c) Short road between the street and a house or its garage.
- d) Use this if you want someone to open the front door. ....
- e) Put the dirty dishes in this. ....
- f) This system makes the house warm. ....
- g) A small carpet. ....
- h) More than one person can sit on this. ....
- i) An area at the top of some stairs. ....
- j) Wipe your feet on this before you enter the house. ....
- k) Pull these to cover the windows. ....
- l) Small seat without back or arms. ....

### 3 Complete each sentence (a-j) with a suitable ending (1-10) so that the meaning of the word in *italics* is clear. Use each ending only once.

- a) I would prefer to live in a *cottage*.....
- b) The shopping centre has a *multi-storey car park*.....
- c) My grandmother bought a *bungalow*.....
- d) Jenny lives in a small *flat*.....
- e) This street is only for *pedestrians*.....

- f) Helen and John live in a *square*.....
- g) Peter has moved to a London *suburb*.....
- h) This village is surrounded by lovely *countryside*.....
- i) Sue's new house is *unfurnished*.....
- j) My house is *semi-detached*.....

- 1 on the third floor of a modern block.
- 2 and he commutes to work in the centre.
- 3 with room for over 2000 vehicles.
- 4 but the rent is so high that she cannot afford much furniture.
- 5 which has a beautiful garden in the middle.
- 6 in a small village in the country.
- 7 and the neighbours often bang on the wall.
- 8 because she had difficulty climbing stairs.
- 9 with fields, woods, streams and a small lake.
- 10 and cars and lorries are not allowed.

**4 Complete each sentence with the words home, house or a word formed from one of these words.**

- a) The old couple decided to live in an old people's.....
- b) Jane can't stand washing and ironing and other.....
- c) Graham bought a terraced.....in a quiet city street.
- d) Many.....people sleep on the streets of London.
- e) Jack was unable to look after his children so he employed a.....
- f) I come from Newcastle. It's my.....town, you could say.
- g) Paul used to live on the river on a.....boat.
- h) When I went to boarding school I felt very.....sick at first.
- i) Our first home was on the.....estate on Oakwood Hill.
- j) Pour yourself a drink and make yourself at.....

**5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

- a) The view from the skyscraper.....over New York harbour.  
A) shows up                      B) sees about                      C) stands up                      D) looks out
- b) The old houses opposite are going to be. ....  
A) broken down                      B) knocked down                      C) put down                      D) taken down
- c) .....! You're about to push the wheelbarrow over my foot!  
A) hang up                      B) stop off                      C) get away                      D) look out
- d) Please.....the rubbish because the dustman is coming tomorrow.  
A) take in                      B) make up                      C) put out                      D) tie down
- e) Please come and unblock our drains! I'm.....you!  
A) doing without                      B) counting on                      C) seeing to                      D) waiting for
- f) I can't put these plants in pots. I've.....earth.  
A) run out of                      B) put up with                      C) given up                      D) come up with

g) We.....through the window by climbing up a ladder.

A) fell out                      B) got in                      C) ended up                      D) set off

h) I've been planting trees all day and I'm.....

A) worn out                      B) taken in                      C) run down                      D) grown up

**6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.**

*A house in the country*

When Ann decided to move house, it was mainly because she was tired of the (1)..... she lived in. It was NEIGHBOUR  
crowded, there was a (2).....of parking places, and SHORT  
the view from her (3).....windows was of distant STAIRS  
factory chimneys. Luckily she arranged the (4)..... SELL  
of her house very easily, and with a small (5).....from LEND  
the bank, was able to buy a house in the country. It was an  
old farm building, which had been (6).....and turned into BUILD  
a modern house. After loading all her belongings in a van,  
Ann managed to get them into the new house (7)..... DAMAGE  
She (8).....most of the rooms with what she already FURNITURE  
owned. Even her curtains were the right (9).....for the LONG  
windows and she only had to buy a new (10).....for COOK  
the kitchen. It seemed too good to be true. Surely something would go wrong!

**7 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.**

- a) Laura was sitting beside the fire in a comfortable *armchair/sofa*.
- b) We drove out of the village along a winding *lane/path*.
- c) Steve redecorated his room with flowery *posters/wallpaper*.
- d) Put the meat in the *cooker/oven* for two hours.
- e) These plums are ripe. They need *picking/picking up*.
- f) Peter was in the garden mowing the *flowers/lawn*.
- g) We used to keep the coal downstairs in *the cave/cellar*.
- h) Why don't you put the car in the *car park/parking*?
- i) Kate lives in a flat on the first *floor/storey*.
- j) Put your wet socks on the central *heating/radiator* to dry.
- k) Let's take the *runway/motorway*, we'll get there faster.
- l) Go and get the lawnmower. The grass *is/are* very long.
- m) I like the painting but I don't like the *frame/surrounding*.
- n) Mary has a lot of small ornaments on her window *shelf/sill*.
- o) There's someone *at/on* the door. Can you see who it is?

**8 Match the words in the box with a suitable explanation (a-o).**

|          |         |         |        |        |       |        |       |
|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| shutters | ceiling | chimney | pillow | kennel | blind |        |       |
| cushion  |         |         |        |        |       |        |       |
| roof     | rubbish | urban   | bunk   | duvet  | kerb  | litter | rural |

- a) Put this over you if you are cold in bed.....
- b) Put this behind your back if you are sitting uncomfortably. ....
- c) This describes city places .....

- d) These protect your windows outside and can be closed in bad weather.....
- e) This is paper dropped in the street. ....
- f) This is the top of the room. ....
- g) This is a bed with others above it.....
- h) This describes country places.....
- 1) This is the top of the house.....
- j) Put this under your head when you go to sleep.....
- k) Close this to keep the sunlight out of your room.....
- 1) This is anything you throw away in the dustbin.....
- m) This is home for your pet dog.....
- n) This is the stone edge of the pavement at the side of the road.....
- o) The smoke goes up this from the fireplace.....

**9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

*Moving in*

The entrance to the flat was at the (1).....of the house. Jane had to walk along a (2)..... across the lawn and past a (3).....full of gardening equipment.

Inside the back door there was a flight of (4).....and then another door on the (5).....It was a (6)..... flat with a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom. There was not a lot of (7).....but certainly enough for a student like Jane.

There was a/an (8).....in the living room with an electric fire, and the kitchen had a small (9).....

and a fridge. The bathroom did not have a bath, only a (10)..... and a basin, but Jane didn't mind. She was thinking about other problems. There wasn't a washing (11).....,

and there was no (12).....heating. It was raining outside, and the flat felt damp and chilly.

On the bed there were some (13).....and a duvet, but no (14)..... It was lucky that Jane had brought a sleeping bag. As she was wondering what to do next, there was a knock (15).....the door.

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1) A side         | B inside        | C beginning  | D garden  |
| 2) A road         | B way           | C path       | D stairs  |
| 3) A room         | B shed          | C cellar     | D floor   |
| 4) A ladder       | B upstairs      | C rooms      | D stairs  |
| 5) A roof         | B landing       | C balcony    | D bottom  |
| 6) A multi-storey | B semi-detached | C furnished  | D cottage |
| 7) A furniture    | B rent          | C neighbours | D housing |
| 8) A oven         | B fireplace     | C cooker     | D cooking |
| 9) A cook         | B cookery       | C cooker     | D cooking |
| 10) A waterfall   | B shower        | C splash     | D sink    |
| 11) A machine     | B up            | C room       | D powder  |

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|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 12) A central   | B much   | C radiator | D good     |
| 13) A wrappings | B rugs   | C carpets  | D blankets |
| 14) A whites    | B sheets | C spreads  | D cloths   |
| 15) A for       | B behind | C to       | D at       |