

FORM 3

CLOSE-UP

UNIT 5 : A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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Upgrade your English With **CLOSE-UP!**

5 A Place to Call Home

Reading

A What kind of problems can buildings have? Who fixes them? Match the problem (1–5) with the person (a–e).

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| 1 the bathroom light doesn't work | a builder |
| 2 there is water under the kitchen sink | b cleaner |
| 3 a storm damaged the roof | c electrician |
| 4 the house is really dirty | d painter |
| 5 the walls are a boring colour | e plumber |

B Work with a partner. You have a problem in your home. Tell your partner what the problem is. Your partner tells you who to call for help.

The living room ceiling is wet.

You need a plumber!



- C** Quickly read the adverts 1–5 below and decide where you might find each one.
- D** Read the *Exam Close-up*. Then read the *Exam Task* below and underline the key words.

Exam Task

Look at each of the texts. What do they say? Choose the correct letter a, b or c.

- 1 The advert says that
 - a the lift in the building doesn't work.
 - b the bus stop is next to the shops.
 - c you can't have animals in the flat.
- 2 a Helen doesn't want to buy a brown sofa.
 - b Helen isn't sure if Tim will like the sofa.
 - c Helen has got half of the money for the sofa.
- 3 a All areas of the gym are open from Monday.
 - b Members should not go to the gym at the weekend.
 - c The problem with the swimming pool is not serious.
- 4 Why has Judy written the email?
 - a to get Dina's opinion about the hotel
 - b to check if Dina is going to Dublin
 - c to ask Dina to book rooms for them
- 5 What must Robby do?
 - a Show the plumber where the money is.
 - b Ask the plumber to fix the bowl in the sink.
 - c Check the plumber's work before he gives him the money.

Eliminating answers

- Read all the texts first and think about where they are from.
- Then read and underline the key words in the answer options.
- Look for similar information to the words you underlined in the text.
- If you can't find any similar information for one of the answer options in the text, you can eliminate it.
- Check the information for the options you didn't eliminate and choose the one which answers the question.

Word Focus

urgent: needs attention very soon before anything else
inconvenience: a situation that causes problems or a delay
historic: important in history

Joe's Gym

Important notice for members!

The swimming pool will be closed on Saturday and Sunday for **urgent** repairs.

All other areas of the gym are open as usual.

We apologise for any **inconvenience**.

R. Smith
Manager

To Let
New 2-bedroom 3rd floor flat
next to bus stop and close to shops
\$200 a week
Available from 1st July
No lift
No pets
Carl: 0401276894

2 16:57
Helen
04-Aug 16:55
 Tim,
 I'm at the furniture shop. They've got the sofa we've been looking for at half price, but not in black. Is brown OK with you? I don't mind.
 Reply More

4 email
 From: Judy To: Dina
 Hi. Are you still interested in going to Dublin with us? I need to book the rooms tomorrow.
 We're staying in this beautiful **historic** building. Here's the link:
www.princesshotel.com
 It's great, isn't it?

5 Robby,
 The plumber will be there at four o'clock to fix the sink. I have left the money for him on the kitchen table under the bowl. Please make sure the sink is OK before you pay him!
 Dad

Ideas Focus

- Do you get on well with your neighbours? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think the city or the countryside is a better place for a teenager to grow up in? Why? / Why not?