

Read the passage carefully and then do the tasks.



THE HOME OF THE FUTURE

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A. Match the words with their meaning.

1. heating system (n)
2. doorknob (n)
3. transform (v)
4. sense (v)
5. get in touch with (idm)
6. run out of (phr.v)

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B. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Houses in the future will be smarter than today's houses.

TRUE

FALSE

2. Nanotechnology will help protect your house.

TRUE

FALSE

3. The fridge will remind you when to go to the supermarket.

TRUE

FALSE

4. You can control your heating system by using text messages.

TRUE

FALSE

5. Researchers say a smart house is just a dream.

TRUE

FALSE

