

UNIT 9: HOUSES IN THE FUTURE

1. LISTENING

Listen to someone describing a resort.

I. Listen once and choose FIVE things that the speaker mentions the resort has.

a. A church	1. _____
b. A school	2. _____
c. A cinema	3. _____
d. A playground	4. _____
e. A zoo	5. _____
f. A theatre	
g. A stadium	
h. A hotel	
i. A megacity	
j. A supermarket	

II. Listen again and choose the best answer to each question.

6. What is the speaker doing?

- A. He's advertising a resort.
 B. He's announcing the opening of a resort.
 C. He's planning his summer holiday.

7. Where is the resort located?

- A. In the mountains B. At sea C. In space

8. How many people can the resort welcome?

- A. 10,000 people B. 1,000 people C. 100 people

9. Which of the following can the guest enjoy?

- A. Swimming with dolphins B. Researching plants C. Performing in a theater

10. How many cinemas are there in the resort?

- A. Two B. Three C. Five

2. PHONETICS

I. Choose the words whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others in each group.

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| 1. A. <u>sea</u> | B. <u>screen</u> | C. <u>s</u> mart | D. <u>s</u> ugar |
| 2. A. eco-fri <u>ndly</u> | B. <u>sky</u> | C. gra <u>vi</u> ty | D. mega <u>ci</u> ty |
| 3. A. Ea <u>th</u> | B. ea <u>th</u> scraper | C. <u>th</u> emselves | D. <u>th</u> ings |
| 4. A. <u>h</u> elper | B. <u>d</u> evice | C. <u>d</u> escribe | D. <u>d</u> eliver |
| 5. A. <u>p</u> rinter | B. <u>m</u> achine | C. auto <u>m</u> atic | D. furn <u>i</u> ture |
| 6. A. <u>r</u> eady | B. <u>h</u> ealthy | C. <u>a</u> lready | D. <u>m</u> eans |
| 7. A. sleep <u>i</u> ng ba <u>g</u> s | B. astrona <u>t</u> s | C. ho <u>m</u> es | D. schoo <u>l</u> s |
| 8. A. br <u>e</u> aks | B. sho <u>w</u> ers | C. i <u>d</u> ea <u>s</u> | D. jo <u>b</u> s |
| 9. A. sto <u>r</u> es | B. gro <u>c</u> eries | C. frid <u>g</u> es | D. dron <u>e</u> s |
| 10. A. disc <u>u</u> ss <u>e</u> d | B. hel <u>p</u> ed | C. loo <u>k</u> ed | D. print <u>e</u> d |

II. Choose the word whose main stressed syllable is placed differently from that of the other in each group.

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| 1. A. printer | B. device | C. robot | D. spacesuit |
| 2. A. future | B. helper | C. housework | D. machine |
| 3. A. underground | B. astronaut | C. gravity | D. company |
| 4. A. furniture | B. cameras | C. advantage | D. different |
| 5. A. megacity | B. indefinite | C. delivery | D. technology |

3. VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

1. Choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best completes each of the following sentences.

1. Many people are interested in living _____ the planet Mars.
A. in B. on C. at D. by
2. Will robots look _____ the elderly and children?
A. for B. at C. into D. after
3. In the future, we'll live in a hi-tech house on _____.
A. moon B. a moon C. an moon D. the moon
4. There will be a helicopter on the roof _____ I can fly to school.
A. so that B. although C. because D. in order
5. A smart _____ will keep track of your food stocks and suggest recipes based on food items you already have.
A. television B. fridge C. dishwasher D. clock
6. In the evening, my family usually watches TV in the _____ room after dinner.
A. lived B. living C. lives D. live
7. I don't have to wash the dishes after meals because there is an automatic _____ in my kitchen.
A. wash B. washed C. washer D. washing
8. A _____ TV uses existing wireless computer networks or WIFI to get signals from space.
A. wireless B. cable C. LED D. computer
9. My friend, Mai is living with her parents in a _____ on the river because her parents are fishermen.
A. house canoe B. house ship C. house ferry D. houseboat
10. Keangnam, which is the tallest _____ in Vietnam, is a 72-storey building in Hanoi.
A. skyscraper B. sky building C. sky house D. skyline
11. Nowadays, the housework is getting much easier for housewives with the help of home _____.
A. applicants B. applications C. appliances D. applies
12. In some restaurants in China, waiters are now replaced by _____ because they are novel and fun.
A. robots B. machines C. devices D. tools
13. A modem _____ can help keep your food fresh longer than the old ones.
A. shelf B. kitchen C. fridge D. cupboard
14. This washing machine is fully _____. All you have to do is put your clothes in and press these buttons.
A. automate B. auto C. automatically D. automatic
15. My family lives in a(n) _____ in the center of Hanoi.
A. villa B. apartment C. room D. studio
16. I want to live in a house _____ the sea because I love the wind, the sand and the Sun there.
A. in B. under C. on D. by

Choose the word or phrase that is **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

17. Home appliances have changed very much during the past few years.
A. devices B. toys C. machine D. furniture
18. After a long working day, I want to stay in my comfy bed and watch my favorite channel.
A. warm B. comfortable C. large D. soft

Choose the word or phrase that is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

19. My friend is given smart phone as a present on her 12th birthday
A. quick B. modern C. old D. stupid
20. Modern technology has now improved our life in all aspects.
A. Updated B. Advanced C. Outdated D. New

II. Give the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- I think people **(live)** _____ on Mars someday.
- (you/ ever live)** _____ in a smart house?
- I **(show)** _____ you the garden when it stops raining.
- My son **(draw)** _____ his future house at the moment.
- People in the future **(not drive)** _____ normal cars. They **(have)** _____ flying cars.
- Would you like **(live)** _____ on the Moon?
- You never know what might **(happen)** _____ in the future.
- Robots will do work around the house such as **(cook)** _____ meals and **(clean)** _____ the floors.
- Gustave Eiffel **(design)** _____ Eiffel Tower in 1889
- Someone **(knock)** _____ at the door. Can you see who it is?

III. Supply the correct forms of the given words to complete the sentences.

- _____ TVs will be very popular in the future. **(INTERACTIVE)**
- Japan is the most _____ advanced country. **(TECHNOLOGY)**
- This software is very _____ for online classes. **(USE)**
- Mom says she will buy a new _____ tomorrow. **(PRINT)**
- There are a lot of _____ between present schools and future ones. **(DIFFER)**

4. READING

I. Read the following passage and decide whether each of the statements is TRUE or FALSE.

Peter White has an idea of a new type of house for the future. The house will have new technology which will help it save a lot of energy. Firstly, a control panel will be the brain of the house. You can set the temperature, and the windows will close automatically when it's hot outside. Secondly, hot shower is usually a great start to the day, but this will be no normal shower. It will use rain water collected from the roof and heated by solar energy, or heat from the sun. Thirdly, the house will be a self-cleaning house. When you go are not at home, a system will recognize which place needs to be cleaned and do the cleaning. This house will be built and sold for those who are caring about the environment.

(Source: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/uk-now/video-uklhomesfuture>)

Statements	True/ False
1. Peter's new type of will help to save a lot of energy.	
2. When it is very hot outside, the windows will automatically close.	
3. The shower will use water on the roof produced by the house.	
4. The house will ask a person to clean it when you are not at home.	
5. Who cares about the environment will buy this house.	

II. Choose the option (A, B, or C) that best completes each numbered blank in the passage.

Are you tired **(6)** _____ the color or pattern of your walls? In a smart home, you won't have to **(7)** _____ them. The walls will actually be digital screens, like computer or TV screens.

A computer network will link these walls with **(8)** _____ else in your house. Called "ambient intelligence," this computer "brain" will control your entire house. It will also adapt to your preferences.

Your house will learn about your likes and dislikes. It will then use that knowledge to control the environment. For example, it will set the heat in the house to your **(9)** _____ temperature. It will turn on the shower at the right temperature. It will also darken the windows at night and lighten them when it's **(10)** _____ to wake up.

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| 6. A. with | B. of | C. in | D. by |
| 7. A. build | B. cover | C. pull | D. repaint |
| 8. A. thing | B. everything | C. anything | D. nothing |
| 9. A. favorite | B. terrible | C. high | D. clearly |
| 10. A. occasion | B. way | C. time | D. order |

III. Fill in each blank with *ONE* suitable word.

Eco-friendly houses

How 'eco-friendly' is your house? Here are some things that you can do to protect the environment and make the world a better place.

- Turn (11) _____ the lights when you are not in a room and don't leave computers and TVs on standby.
- Turn down the heating. If you're cold, you can put on a jumper!
- Put solar panels on the roof. Using energy from the (12) _____ can save a lot of money and electricity.
- Don't keep the (13) _____ running when you brush your teeth or wash vegetables.
- Don't (14) _____ away things you don't want anymore. Remember the three Rs - reuse, repair and recycle.
- Grow your own vegetables in your garden - it's eco-friendly and (15) _____.
- Saving the planet starts at home and it could start as soon as you get home today!

5. WRITING

I. Rewrite the following sentences with the given beginnings in such a way that the meanings stay unchanged.

1. Mary prefers typing essays to writing them.

→ *Mary would rather* _____

2. John doesn't feel like working online. (RATHER)

→ *John would* _____

3. Not many students go to Ms. Brown's class. (ATTEND)

→ *Only a* _____

4. There's no need to go to school to learn a language now.

→ *You* _____

5. John predicts rain tomorrow.

→ *John thinks* _____

II. Rearrange the given phrases to make a complete sentence.

6. rather/ table/ Mary/ Sunday./ tennis/ would/ next/ play

7. television programs/ will/ think/ watch/ smart/V/ people/walls./ that/ on

8. in their life./ will use/ that/ the organizer/ plastic bags/ the students/ few/ this project/ of/ hopes

9. read/ use/ online./ young/ books/ students/ tablets/ and/ can/ go/ to

10. a/ his/ in/ would/ John/ sandwich./ like/ cheese/ like

6. SPEAKING

Complete the dialogue with the correct sentences from the list. There is ONE EXTRA sentence.

1. **Mary:** I think robots will rule the world.

Tom: _____.

A. Robots are stupid.

B. That's what I think.

C. Really? I'd love to

2. **Peter:** Shall we go to the cinema or stay in to play computer games?

Jack: _____.

A. I'd rather stay in.

B. I'd rather not.

C. Why not?

3. **Jack:** _____.

Helen: I'd love to, but I'm afraid I can't.

A. Why not go swimming?

B. Would you rather go swimming than watch TV?

C. Would you like to go swimming with us?

4. **Helen:** Let's try this computer game.

Tom: _____.

A. I hope not.

B. Good idea.

C. How often?

5. **Peter:** _____.

Helen: I agree.

A. Why don't we buy a new smart phone?

B. Would you like a new smart phone?

C. A smart phone is useful for our school work.

_____ The end _____