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Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave and grow old wanting to get back to.
John Ed Pearce, American journalist

In an ideal world...

1 GRAMMAR second conditional

a Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Check (✓) the correct sentences.

1 If she gets the job, she'd have to move to France.
If she got the job

2 I'd help you this weekend if I could, but I can't.
_____

3 They wouldn't sell their house, even if someone offers them a million dollars.
_____

4 If he doesn't like the job so much, he wouldn't work so hard, but he loves it.
_____

5 I'd save more money if I were you.
_____

6 If I could choose my job, I'll be a journalist.
_____

7 If I didn't have small children, I'd travel more, but they're too young right now.
_____

8 We'd go to the movies more often, if we'd have the time.
_____

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b Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the first or second conditional.

1 If I didn't need the money, I *wouldn't work* on Saturdays. (not work)

2 I _____ you at the airport if you tell me what time the flight arrives. (meet)

3 If you're late again, you _____ your job. (lose)

4 If she _____ so selfish, she would have more friends. (not be)

5 _____ you _____ if you won the lottery? (retire)

6 We'll be very surprised if they _____ this year. (get married)

7 If there were better public transportation, there _____ so much traffic. (not be)

8 You'd meet more people if you _____ more often. (go out)

9 If I have more time next year, I _____ another language. (learn)

10 If I had more time, I _____ another language but I'm too busy. (learn)

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3 VOCABULARY houses

a Complete the description with words from the list.

armchairs bathrooms bedrooms coffee table
dishwasher downtown ~~fence~~ garage garden
patio shower sink steps suburb yard



This beautiful home, with a white 1 *fence*, around it is located in a quiet 2_____ only 20 miles from 3_____. There is a large 4_____ all around the house, with a great vegetable 5_____ in the back. A small 6_____ in the yard is a great place for barbecue. There's no 7_____, but parking is not a problem in this neighborhood. To enter the house, you walk up some 8_____ to a nice porch. Inside there's a small living room comfortably furnished with a sofa, two 9_____ and a 10_____. The kitchen is

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modern, with a new stove, a large refrigerator, and a 11_____. There is also a double 12_____ in the kitchen. The house has two 13_____, a small one on the first floor with just a toilet and sink and a larger one on the second floor with a bathtub and 14_____. There are three 15_____ on the second floor.

b Complete the sentences.

1 I live in a small t*own* of 10,000 inhabitants.

2 John lives on the fourth f_____ and there's no elevator.

3 Be careful of the st_____s when you go out of the front door. You might fall.

4 We live in a lovely r_____ area. The only problem is that there's no bus service.

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5 When we arrived we could see smoke coming out of the ch_____.

6 We used to live in a t_____ and we could hear every word the neighbors said.

7 She went out onto the b_____ to see what was happening in the street.

8 A lot of people live in the s_____ and get a bus or train into the city every day.

9 We need to repair the r_____ because when it rains, water comes into one of the bedrooms.

10 We prefer living in the c_____ to living in the city.

4 READING

a Read the article and check (✓) the correct sentence endings.

1 Grafton New Hall …

- a was just built. ☐
- b will be built in the future. ☑
- c will never be built. ☐

2 The house is unusual because …

- a it's so big. ☐
- b it's so modern. ☐
- c its design is very strange. ☐

3 The architects are famous for …

- a their country houses in England. ☐
- b their townhouses in Japan. ☐
- c winning a competition. ☐

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4 The four wings …

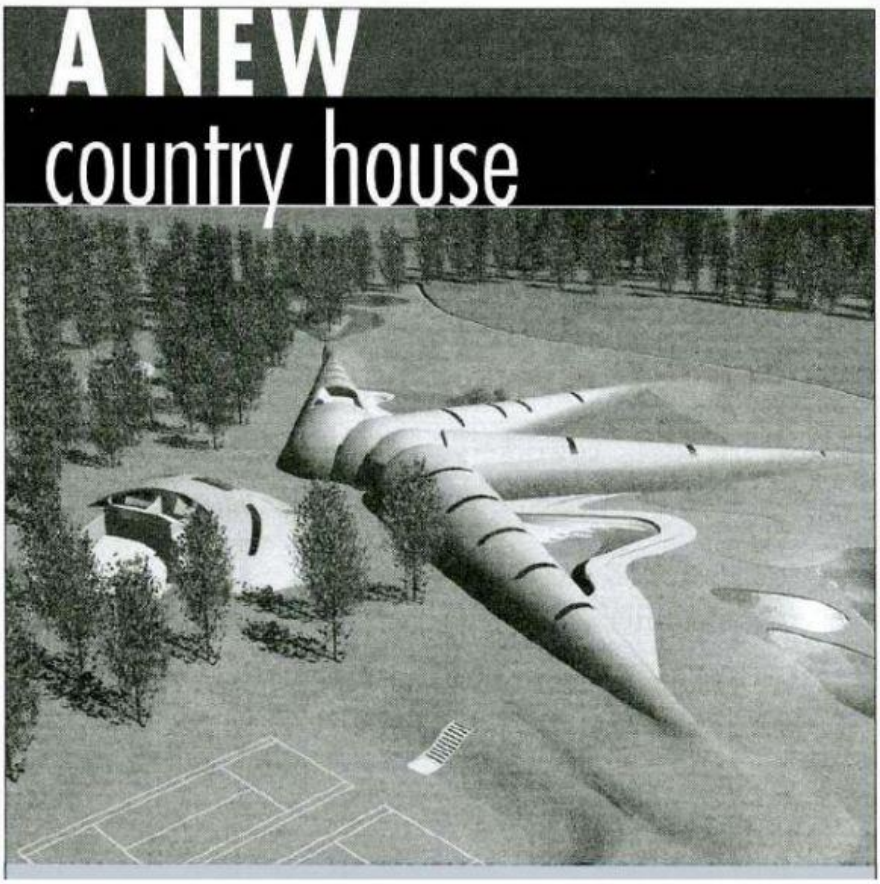
a are used at different times of day. ☐
b have enough room for four families. ☐
c all have natural light. ☐

5 The master bedroom is designed …

a to be light all day. ☐
b to be light in the morning. ☐
c to be light in the evening. ☐

6 The furniture needed for Grafton New Hall …

a will cost more than the house. ☐
b will depend on who buys it. ☐
c will cost less than the house. ☐



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It may look like a giant starfish, but in fact it's an artist's impression of Grafton New Hall, the futuristic winner of a Royal Institute of British Architects competition for a modern country house. It was designed by Ushida Findlay architects, better known for ultramodern townhouses in Tokyo. It's an extraordinary building that is unlike any other in England. The house is designed to look as if it is growing out of the ground; it is very low, and will be almost invisible from a distance.

Inside, the differences continue. The house has four wings, and each wing has a different role – sleeping, cooking and eating, relaxing, and entertaining friends. The wings are designed to be used at different times of day, according to the position of the sun. The main bedroom faces the sunrise, the open-plan living spaces will be lit by the midday sun, and the swimming pool area faces the sunset.

But so far Grafton New Hall only exists as architectural plans and an artist's impression. The house will not be built until someone offers to buy it. It will cost about £4 million to build, and will be very expensive to furnish. How much money is spent depends on who buys it and whether it ends up as a technology-filled James Bond home or a minimalist hideaway. The most likely buyers might be professional athletes, pop stars, or superrich businesspeople.

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c Now match the words to their definitions.

1 very rich — *superrich*

2 very unusual — _____

3 very big — _____

4 very modern — _____

5 impossible to see — _____

6 with very little furniture or decoration — _____

7 with no dividing walls — _____

More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
(paint) brush *noun*	/brʌʃ/	
entrance *noun*	/ˈɛntrəns/	
patio *noun*	/ˈpætioʊ/	
shutters *noun*	/ˈʃʌtərz/	
extraordinary *adjective*	/ɪkˈstrɔrdənɛri/	
huge *adjective*	/hyudʒ/	
ideal *adjective*	/aɪˈdiəl/	
one-story (house) *adjective*	/wʌn ˈstɔri/	
spacious *adjective*	/ˈspeɪʃəs/	
surrounded by	/səˈraʊndɪd baɪ/	

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