

# 7B Ideal home

## 1 GRAMMAR second conditional

a Match the sentence halves.

- 1 If we had the time,
- 2 I would like my flat more,
- 3 Luke would be able to get a job in Berlin
- 4 If my sister didn't work so hard,
- 5 If we bought a bigger house in the country
- 6 If they could live anywhere they wanted to,
- 7 We'd have more privacy
- 8 I wouldn't want to live in London.

*d*

a she could spend more time with her children.  
b they'd move to France.

c if he could speak better German.

d ~~we'd do the housework ourselves~~

e if we didn't have to share a flat.

f unless I earned a lot of money

g if it was on the top floor.

h we'd be able to have a dog.

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the second conditional.

- 1 If I had more time, I'd paint my room myself.  
(have, paint)
- 2 Lucy's room is cleaner if she tidies it more often. (be, tidy)
- 3 I take my car to work if I have a parking space. (not take, not have)
- 4 Will you keep your job if you win a lot of money? (keep, win)
- 5 Jack calls his mother every day if he has a girlfriend. (not call, have)
- 6 We eat out more so often if our cooker breaks. (not eat out, not be)
- 7 If I fall out with my neighbours because of a big problem, I move house. (fall out, not move)
- 8 If our house is so small, you can't all stay the night. (not be, can)
- 9 Will you wake up if you set your alarm? (wake up, not set)
- 10 If we have another bathroom, there isn't a queue for the shower. (have, not be)

## 2 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a **iChecker** Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 If I did more exercise, I'd be a lot healthier.
- 2 I'd have my own garden if I had a garden.
- 3 Would you buy a house if you had enough money?
- 4 If it were my house, I would make the kitchen bigger.
- 5 I work so hard if I didn't have to pay so much rent.

b Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

c Match the words with the same sounds.

1 cosy	a suburb
2 ceiling	b kitchen
3 town	c steps
4 country	d shower
5 spacious	e ground
6 terrace	f basement

d **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

## 3 VOCABULARY houses

a Complete the sentences with *in* or *on* and a phrase from the box.

the fourth floor the outskirts the north coast  
a suburb a village

- 1 We're looking at flats far from the centre. We want to live in a suburb.
- 2 Sara bought a beautiful cottage in the countryside, because she loves being near the countryside.
- 3 Here's your key. Your room is on the fourth floor.
- 4 I'd love to live by the sea, maybe on the coast.
- 5 Chris lives in the outskirts of the city, so he has to commute to the centre every day.

b Complete the adverts.



## FOR SALE

This <sup>1</sup>modern flat is on the <sup>2</sup>t  
fl of a building with  
magnificent views of Regent Park. It has  
three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a large  
<sup>3</sup>spce kitchen. The living room  
has a <sup>4</sup>wide <sup>fl</sup>or  
and there are carpets in all the bedrooms.  
There is a large <sup>5</sup>bay outside  
the living room with space for a table,  
chairs, and plants. There is a garage in the  
<sup>6</sup>building with room for two cars.



This 18th-century <sup>7</sup>cottage is  
situated in a quiet village. It has a  
kitchen, bathroom, living room, and  
two small but <sup>8</sup>cozy bedrooms. All the rooms have low  
<sup>9</sup>ceilings, and the walls are made  
of <sup>10</sup>stone. There is an  
<sup>11</sup>openfire in  
the living room, but the house also  
has central heating. There is a large  
<sup>12</sup>terrace at the back of the  
house, ideal for barbecues. Access to the  
house is by <sup>13</sup>stairs up to the  
front door. There is a large garden with  
high walls and an iron <sup>14</sup>gate.



## 4 LISTENING

a **Checker** Listen to a guide giving a tour of Shakespeare's birthplace. Number the places and parts of the house in the order you hear them.

a the ground floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	e the Great Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
b the staircase	<input type="checkbox"/>	f the windows	<input type="checkbox"/>
c the fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	g the walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
d the garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

b Listen again and answer the questions.

1 When was the house built?

In the early sixteenth century.

2 How old was Shakespeare when he moved from the house?

3 When did he get married?

4 How many children did he have?

5 Where did famous visitors use to write their names?

6 What did the family do in the Great Hall?

7 What did Shakespeare's father make?

8 What happened in the room at the top of the staircase?

c Listen again with the audioscript on p.75.

## 5 READING

a Read the article once and choose the best title for it.

- 1 Top tips on buying a new house
- 2 Finding out where you really live
- 3 The most interesting houses to visit in London

### 1 D

Are you interested in the history of your house? If you are, then you might like to get in touch with a house historian. A house historian's job is to find out what has happened to a particular house in the past. They try to discover who built the house, who has lived in the building since it was built, and what was on the site of the building before. Their research can uncover all kinds of interesting information.

### 2

We spoke to house historian Tracy Collins, who told us some of her stories. One of the houses she had to research was a flat at 200 Oxford Street in London. She discovered that the author George Orwell had once stayed with the owners of the flat. He had slept in the smallest bedroom in the flat, which was very dark. Later, when he wrote his novel 1984, he used the room as the inspiration for the famous Room 101. On another occasion, she was looking into the story of a block of flats in Orchard Court, also in London. She found out that the flat had been used by spies during the Second World War. First of all, the spies were invited to the building for a job interview. If they were successful, they went on a training course. After the course, they returned to the flat for their instructions. Then, they were sent on a mission. But Tracy's third story is even more dramatic. When she was investigating a house in another part of London, she discovered that a murder



had happened there!



### 3

However, house historians do not only focus on one particular house. They also find out about the district where the house was built. Some districts are completely different now than they were in the past. One example is an area in Central London called Belgravia. Today, it is one of the richest districts in the world, but in the early nineteenth century, it was a poorer area. People used to go there during the day to hang out their washing or to collect plants for food. At night, many people would avoid the area because it was full of criminals.

### 4

If you can't afford to pay a professional to research the history of your house, you can try to research the past yourself. The best place to start is to find all the official documents belonging to your house. These should give you some idea of who the previous owners were. After that, you should go to the office that has the official documents of your area. Some of these go back hundreds of years! You may not find out anything particularly interesting about your house, but you're sure to enjoy the search.

b Match the headings with the paragraphs in the article. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

- A What was there before?
- B How much do house historians charge?
- C How can you do it yourself?
- D What does a house historian do?
- E What do you need to become a house historian?
- F What has one house historian discovered?

c Look at the highlighted words and phrases. What do you think they mean? Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

d Complete the sentences with one of the highlighted words or phrases.

- 1 The police are looking into a robbery at the school.
- 2 I'm going to my family history.
- 3 Some of the houses in this village the twelfth century.
- 4 I didn't paint my living room. It was done by the owner of the house.
- 5 When the washing machine has finished, the clothes to dry, please?
- 6 You should always read the before you try to build a bookcase.

## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

### PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

bookcase	/bok'keɪs/
property	/prə'pərəti/
tower	/tuər/
hang (a picture)	/hæŋ/
overlook (sth)	/əvə'vələk/
remain	/rɪ'meɪn/
settle (in a village)	/setl/
plain	/pleɪn/
peace and quiet	/pi:s ən 'kwaɪət/
turn into	/tən 'ɪnto/

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