43 Buildings

A A new home

My cousin has recently **moved house** to a **property** just outside Edinburgh. It is close to a famous, **historic cottage** and in a beautiful **setting** near the hills. The **entrance** to the house is very **impressive**. The hall **leads to** an enormous sitting room with high **ceilings** and big windows **facing** south, so it feels bright and open. Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, and two of them have **balconies** that look out **onto** the back garden. And a practical feature of the house is the huge **garage** for four cars.

GLOSSARY

move house	go to live in a different house or area **move** *n*: *The **move** took us a whole week.*	**lead to sth**	go in a particular direction
property	a building, a piece of land, or both together	**ceiling**	the top part of the inside of a room
historic	famous and important in history	**face**	be pointing or looking towards sth: *The kitchen **faces** west.*
cottage	a small house, especially in the country	**balcony**	a small platform on which you can stand or sit, just outside an upstairs window
setting	the position sth is in	**onto**	used to show that sth faces in a particular direction
impressive	If sth is **impressive**, you admire it because it is very good, large or important.		

1 Underline one sound in each pair of words which is the same. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ setting / ceiling

1 property / entrance
2 balcony / garage
3 cottage / jam
4 cottage / impressive
5 ceiling / lead
6 face / historic

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ Has the flat got any outdoor space? ~ Yes, there's a balcony with some chairs on it.
1 Where does that path go? ~ It ..... to the river at the bottom of the garden.
2 Does your aunt live in a big house? ~ No, it's a pretty little ..... in a village.
3 Do you leave your car in the street at night? ~ No, we put it in the ..... .
4 Shall I meet you at the museum? ~ Yes, let's meet in the ..... .
5 How long have you lived here? ~ Two years, but we're ..... house in the summer.
6 You've got a huge balcony! ~ Yes, and it looks out ..... the countryside.
7 It's so dark in this part of the house. ~ That's because it ..... north and gets no sun.
8 Is the town old? ~ Yes, it has a number of ..... buildings that tourists visit.

3 Complete the questions.

▶ When did you last move house ..... ?
1 What kind of ..... do you live in?
2 Is it a ..... building?
3 Does it have high ..... in the main rooms?
4 Does it ..... a park, another building or something else?
5 What's the most ..... feature of your house?
6 Is it in an attractive ..... , e.g. near the countryside?

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4 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to Exercise 3, or tell another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Buildings in a town

A new town for Condolanda

Planning has begun on a new, car-free town which the authorities plan to **locate** on **waste ground**, close to the Condolanda **power plant**. It will consist of houses, parks and public transport facilities, as well as public buildings such as a police station, a secondary school, **town hall**, etc. There will be **commercial** buildings including **a shopping mall**, **office blocks**, **retail stores** and a medical centre. There will also be a large area of modern **apartment blocks**, and **residents** will welcome the **addition** of a nearby **leisure centre**. The **heating** for all the buildings will come at low cost from the power plant.

GLOSSARY

locate	put or build sth in a particular place
waste	not used or not suitable for use: ***waste ground***
power plant	a building where electricity is produced
town hall	a large building for local government offices of a town or city
commercial	connected with buying and selling things
shopping mall	a large building containing shops, restaurants, etc. ALSO **mall, shopping centre**
retail store	a shop selling goods to customers (**retail** = selling goods)
resident	a person who lives in a particular place
addition	sth or sb that is added to sth
leisure centre	a public building where people can go to do sports and other activities in their free time
heating	a system for making rooms and buildings warm

SPOTLIGHT *block*

A **block** is a big building with a lot of offices or flats inside.

- ***an office block***
- ***an apartment block***
- ***a block of flats***

A **block** is also an area of buildings with streets all around it.

- *We walked **round the block** to the nearest café.*

5 Match words from A with words from B.

A: town ✓	block	waste	leisure	shopping	office	power	retail
B: plant	block	store	mall	of flats	ground hall ✓	centre	ground

▶ town hall ....

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6 Replace the underlined definitions with a word or phrase with the same meaning.

▶ We drove round the group of buildings with streets around them. block

1 The supermarket group want to place ten new stores in city centres. .....

2 The property is not suitable for restaurant or retail use. .....

3 We met at the large indoor place with shops and restaurants. .....

4 The children's play area is a very welcome extra thing for the residents. .....

5 The people who live in the area should be told about the plans. .....

6 We live in an apartment building near the centre of town. .....

7 I bought the furniture in a shop near my family. .....

8 You get the application forms from the local government offices. .....

9 What kind of system for making the room warm do you have? .....

7 Complete the phrases and sentences. ABOUT YOU

1 Where you live, is there:

a power plant ..... ? a leisure ..... ? a lot of waste ..... ? .....

a shopping ..... ? a town ..... ? a lot of retail ..... ? .....

2 Do you live, or have you ever lived, in an ..... block? .....

3 If so, how many other ..... are/were there in the block? .....

8 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to Exercise 7, or tell another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS