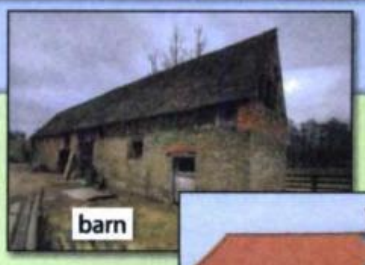
73 Old and new

A A barn conversion

Friends of mine **converted** an old barn that had **formerly** been used for **domestic** animals. They bought it for **next to nothing**, and were **fortunate** that parts of it were still quite **well-preserved**. They **estimated** they could convert the barn for about £200,000, but the council then made them **modify** their building plans so the original **estimate turned out to be** a bit optimistic. Nevetheless, they now have a **magnificent contemporary** four-bedroom home.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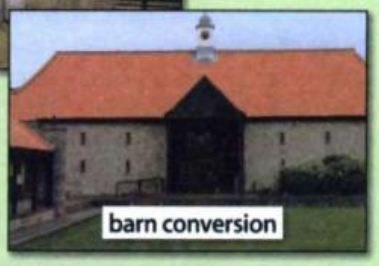
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GLOSSARY

convert (sth) (into sth)	change from one form, system, or use into another **conversion** *n*	**estimate**	calculate the size, cost, etc. of sth approximately **estimate** *n*
formerly	in the past; before now **former** *adj*	**modify**	change sth slightly
domestic	(of animals) kept as pets or on a farm	**turn out (to be sth)**	prove to be
next to nothing	very little money, etc: ***buy sth for next to nothing***	**magnificent**	extremely impressive and attractive SYN **splendid**
fortunate	lucky OPP **unfortunate**		
preserve	keep sth safe and in good condition: ***a well-preserved 18th century table***	**contemporary**	of the present time; modern

1 Circle the odd one out based on the pronunciation of the underlined letters. Use the APP to help you.

1 c<u>o</u>nvert m<u>o</u>dify d<u>o</u>mestic
2 contemp<u>o</u>rary f<u>o</u>rmerly f<u>o</u>rtunate
3 estim<u>a</u>te *v* estim<u>a</u>te *n* fortun<u>a</u>te
4 conv<u>e</u>rt pres<u>e</u>rve form<u>e</u>rly

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word or phrase that keeps the same meaning.

1 They were <u>not very lucky</u> with that house. .....
2 It's a <u>magnificent</u> apartment. .....
3 It's a hotel now, but <u>in the past</u> it was a bank. .....
4 It's an old house but it's <u>in good condition</u>. .....
5 They've just bought a <u>very modern</u> house. .....
6 It was a small cottage, but it's been <u>changed slightly</u> over the years. .....
7 We thought it would be quite grand, but <u>in the end it was</u> rather small. .....
8 They have <u>calculated</u> they will need about £10,000. .....
9 It cost <u>very little</u>. .....
10 The barn is for our <u>cows, sheep, etc.</u> in the winter. .....

3 Complete the dialogues. More than one word may be correct.

1 The building used to be a prison, didn't it? ~ No, it's a ..... hospital.
2 Did they throw out all the old furniture? ~ No, they thought it was worth ..... .
3 Is it an old cottage they've bought? ~ No, it's a barn ..... .
4 How big is it? ~ The agent ..... it is about 300 square metres.
5 Are you keeping to your original plan? ~ No, we've had to ..... it a bit.
6 The conversion is very impressive. ~ Oh yes, the house is really ..... now.
7 Do they want to keep all the old features in the house? ~ No, they want something more ..... .
8 Are they keeping the barn as it is? ~ No, they're ..... it into a music studio.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Old and new objects

Innovative anti-snore **device** – **clips** onto sleeper's nose for a good night's sleep

Up-to-date guidebook to Korea – **second-hand** but **good as new**

Genuine antique grandfather clock. The 8-day **mechanism** is in perfect condition.

Reproduction of **Ancient** Egyptian statue of the goddess Bastet

Fully **reconditioned** exercise bike with original **packaging** and instructions

GLOSSARY

innovative	featuring or introducing new ideas, methods, etc.
device	an object or piece of equipment designed to do a particular job
clip	fasten sth with a **clip** (= a small object, usually of metal or plastic, used for holding things together, e.g. ***a paper clip, a hair clip***)
up to date	having the most recent information: ***an up-to-date timetable*** OPP **out of date**
genuine	real, exactly what it appears to be SYN **authentic**
antique	old and often very valuable **antique** *n*
mechanism	a set of moving parts in a machine that does a certain task
reproduction	sth made as a copy of an earlier object or style **reproduce** *v*
ancient	belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years ago
reconditioned	(of a machine) repaired so that it is in good condition
packaging	materials used to wrap and protect goods sold in shops

SPOTLIGHT *second-hand* and *new*

If something is **second-hand**, it is not completely new. If something is completely new, we usually say **brand new**. **(As) good as new** can be used to describe something that is not new but appears to be.

4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you.

1 ancient antique .....
2 mechanism reconditioned .....
3 genuine device .....
4 genuine packaging .....
5 antique authentic .....
6 innovative reproduction .....

5 Complete the phrase in each sentence.

1 This email list is ..... of date.
2 I need a paper ..... for this document.
3 The sofa is ..... as new.
4 The data is up to ..... .
5 My car is brand ..... .
6 I usually buy second-..... books.

6 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

1 A battery charger is an extremely useful energy-saving ..... .
2 It's a beautifully made, 18th century ..... clock.
3 There were earrings like it thousands of years ago in ..... Greece, and now they make ..... of them and sell them in tourist shops.
4 We bought a second-hand hoover – it was fully ..... and fantastic value.
5 I don't want a copy of the clock: I want a ..... antique.
6 Shops often sell more goods if they're displayed in attractive ..... .
7 Our small factory ..... antique dolls, and we sell them on the internet at a great profit.
8 They want the technology to be really ..... to date, and they're awarding a prize for the most ..... design.
9 This old clock has a very complex ..... inside, but it still works perfectly.
10 If you ..... the photo to your letter, then you can send the two together.

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