

## 1 Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.

1 Which of these <u>cannot</u> be made of wood?	4 Which of these adjectives is <u>not</u> positive?
A a chest of drawers	A luxurious
B a bedside table	B homely
C a sheet	C cluttered
D a shed	D spacious

  

2 Which of these is <u>not</u> a type of house?	5 Which of these do you <u>not</u> typically put on a bed?
A a cottage	A a blanket
B a fence	B a bath mat
C a mansion	C a pillow
D a bungalow	D a duvet

  

3 Which of these is not a person?

A a deposit  
B a resident  
C a flatmate  
D a landlord

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## 2 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters have been given.

1 Mr and Mrs Smith have just moved to a d\_\_\_\_\_ house in the suburbs.

2 Elderly people who need special care sometimes decide to move to a n\_\_\_\_\_ home.

3 They bought a small house on the e\_\_\_\_\_ of the village which had views of the open countryside.

4 Their bedroom is not large, so they have a d\_\_\_\_\_ bed instead of a king-sized one.

5 We keep boxes of old clothes and toys in the a\_\_\_\_\_.

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## 3 Complete the email with the correct words. The first letters have been given.

Hi Peter,

Great news! After the holidays, I am going to study in Warsaw, and I have already found a place to rent! It is not far from the city centre, on the 10th floor of a (1)t\_\_\_\_\_ block, so it has great views. My room (2)o\_\_\_\_\_ the River Vistula and the city centre. It is (3)u\_\_\_\_\_, so I need to think about buying some furniture. I'm looking for a (4)s\_\_\_\_\_ - h\_\_\_\_\_ desk and a bed on the Internet because I don't want to spend too much money at the moment. My flatmates are very nice, and I don't have to do too much (5)h\_\_\_\_\_, just sweep the floor and empty the dishwasher.

Hope you'll visit me soon!

Bye,

Jack

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## 4 Replace the phrases in bold with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

residents	untidy	eco-friendly	semi-detached	make the bed	mow the lawn	homely
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1 My grandparents' cottage isn't luxurious, but it's very **comfortable and pleasant**.

2 There have been complaints from local **people who live in the area** about the new building site.

3 Our home is **joined to our neighbour's house on one side**, so we only have windows facing in three directions.

4 A disadvantage of a large garden is having to **cut the grass with a machine** every week or so.

5 Their new house is very **good for the environment** as it incorporates many ways to save energy and water.

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**5 Read the definitions and write the correct words.**

1 it is a brush with a long handle, used for sweeping floors: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 it is a neighbourhood which only residents and their guests can enter: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 it is an adjective describing a small room that's full of objects: \_\_\_\_\_ 4 it is a piece of equipment you use to protect your house from thieves: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 it is the decorative surround for a picture or a mirror: \_\_\_\_\_

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**6 Find and correct one mistake in each sentence.**

1 It is a tiny, picturesque village, quite off the hard track. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 The house is very comfortable and well-retained. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Two-glass windows are a necessity in the city centre as they help reduce the noise and dust. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Let's have a housewelcoming party for our friends once we've moved in. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Mary loves the hustle and buzz of the city centre. \_\_\_\_\_

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**7  Przeczytaj tekst. Z podanych odpowiedzi wybierz właściwą, zgodną z treścią tekstu. Zakreśl jedną z liter: A, B, C albo D.**

When I got back to the flat I was sharing with Mark, a college friend, it was already past midnight. I had spent the weekend in my hometown with my parents, so I was feeling quite relaxed. I'd had a chance to forget about studying for a bit and to spend time with family and some old school friends who were still living in the area. I quietly unlocked the door to my flat and went inside, nearly falling over Mark's sports bag, which he'd carelessly left in the middle of the hall, as usual. His shoes and tennis gear were lying all over the place as well. I took off my coat and went to the kitchen to have some tea. It was the same story there, or rather it was worse because it not only looked a mess, but it smelt bad too. There were dirty dishes all over the work surfaces, and the bin was so full that some rubbish had spilled out onto the floor.

Furious, I dashed through to the living room, which I'd carefully tidied on Friday before leaving for my parents' place. A strong smell of cigarette smoke hit me as soon as I opened the door, despite the fact that I'd asked Mark a thousand times not to smoke in the flat. It was not only that I found it personally disgusting, the landlord had forbidden smoking inside the property, so Mark was putting us at risk of eviction.

If anything, the living room was worse than the kitchen. Old pizza boxes and takeaway containers, half-drunk mugs of tea and discarded newspapers were scattered everywhere. From the mess, you would think I had five flatmates instead of one. I was shocked to see one of my chemistry textbooks lying open on the coffee table, with a brown stain on the pages where something had been spilt. I was sure I had left the book in my room, so it seemed that Mark was not only spreading his mess all over the flat, he was invading my personal space as well. A pair of filthy socks tossed into the corner of the room was the last straw. I had been pretty tolerant up to now, but this was really the limit.

'No more!' I thought as I walked angrily towards his bedroom. I had no idea what I would say, but it was obviously not going to be pleasant, and I was dreading what the response would be.

**1 Which is TRUE about the writer?**

- A He shares his flat with several people.
- B He allowed a friend to stay short-term in his flat.
- C He only has one flatmate.
- D He has recently moved into his flat.

**2 When did the writer first begin to feel upset?**

- A Upon viewing the living-room.
- B Upon viewing the kitchen.
- C Just after entering the hall.
- D Before opening the flat door.

3 How has the writer dealt with similar problems in the past?  
A He has been quite patient.  
B He has repeatedly lost his temper.  
C He has never mentioned it to Mark.  
D He has cleaned up the mess himself.

4 At the end of the text, the narrator  
A decides to ask Mark to move out.  
B feels nervous but determined.  
C decides to confront Mark the next day.  
D feels upset but unable to change anything.

5 What is the writer's reason for writing the text?  
A To warn readers about possible flat-sharing problems.  
B To describe what makes an ideal flatmate.  
C To give tips on how to deal with difficult flatmates.  
D To describe the breaking point in a flat-sharing situation.

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8  Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto cztery zdania. Wpisz w każdą lukę (1–4) literę, którą oznaczono brakujące zdanie (A–E), tak aby otrzymać spójny i logiczny tekst. Uwaga: jedno zdanie zostało podane dodatkowo i nie pasuje do żadnej luki.

Whether you are moving out of student accommodation or away from home, finding a decent, affordable and safe place to rent as a student is no easy task. (1) \_\_\_ A number of challenges still remain despite these rules, however, and being aware of them from the outset is crucial.

The best place to start your search is your university's accommodation office. (2) \_\_\_ Don't forget that, if you are looking for a place to share with other students, word of mouth is a great way to get useful information. Online student forums can also be a good source of rental opportunities.

Before homing in on any specific property, make a checklist of the essential features as well as any features you might find desirable but could live without. (3) \_\_\_ The closer the place is to your university, however, the more expensive it is likely to be, so give yourself some leeway when it comes to the part of the city it is in. If it is further away, make sure that transport is reliable and easily accessible, and that the distance won't interfere with your daily schedule. You should consider access to social activities outside of school hours, as well as your academic commitments, since maintaining a social life is crucial for a fulfilling student experience.

Once you have found the place that seems right for you, whether through an agency or by directly contacting the landlord or one of the lodgers, start thinking about the money and terms. Negotiation is sometimes possible, but this often depends on where the property is located. (4) \_\_\_ If you object to their terms, and the place is close to the university, they can easily find more desperate students who are willing to accept them. In more outlying areas, you may be able to talk the rent down, or pay a lower deposit. You might even be able to reduce the length of the rental agreement to nine months instead of the usual twelve. This can be a boon, especially if you are in your final year of studies and have no reason to stay on through the summer.

- A Property owners close to universities tend to be less flexible, since they know they have no need to come down in price.
- B Even if they can't refer you to a specific property that's available to rent, they can point you in the right direction.
- C It is better not to look for a place with every possible amenity, since it will make your search harder and it is likely put a strain on your budget.
- D Fortunately, new laws and regulations have been introduced which make the student rental market less risky than it used to be.
- E Location is, of course, one of the key features.

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