

- 1** Team Up journalist Lisa Fowles is talking to 'green' architect Miles Longton about some special homes. Why are they special? Read and listen to find out.

'Home green home'

Lisa: I'm talking to Miles Longton about green homes... and I don't mean the colour *green*! So, why are these houses *green*?

Miles: They were built using recycled and environmentally friendly products.

Lisa: Who designed them?

Miles: A Canadian architect.

Lisa: And who built them?

Miles: A local company.

Lisa: What *green* characteristics do they have?

Miles: The houses have solar panels for hot water and photovoltaic cells for power.

Lisa: I see.

Miles: And there are tanks to collect rain.

Lisa: Why?

Miles: It is used for the toilet so that we save drinking water.

Lisa: How long did they take to build?

Miles: About 19 months.

Lisa: How big are the houses?

Miles: There are some detached houses, with gardens, and also some flats. There are also a lot of green spaces.

Lisa: Who lives there?

Miles: There are families, young and old couples.

Lisa: How far is the nearest shop?

Miles: It's about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. People can walk there easily.

Lisa: That's good.

Miles: Yes, because it's useless to have a *green* home and then drive a huge 4x4 to the nearest shop!

Lisa: You're right about that, Miles!



2 Match the information from the dialogue.

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☒ E builder | A half a mile |
| 1 ☐ designer | B nineteen months |
| 2 ☐ building time | C Canadian Architect |
| 3 ☐ nearest shop | D four by four |
| 4 ☐ type of car | E local company |

3 Read and listen to the dialogue again and complete this short summary about the *green* homes.

The *green* homes were built by a local company, using recycled and environmentally friendly products. They are green because they have solar panels for (1) _____ and photovoltaic cells for power. There are tanks to collect (2) _____ for the toilet. They took (3) _____ months to build. There are some detached houses and some (4) _____.

They are close to the shops so people can (5) _____ there easily and they don't have to use the car.

5 Match the words to the pictures. Then listen and check.

semi-detached house houseboat
flat farmhouse ~~detached house~~
terraced house skyscraper cottage



detached house



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____



7 _____