

Describing Houses and Rooms (Study the Adjectives)

ACTIVITY 8 (a). **Listen** to an estate agent showing someone round a house. Be ready to **answer the questions 1 and 2** below.

1. What's the woman overall impression of the house?
2. Is she likely to buy it?

ACTIVITY 8 (b). Read the dialogue in **ACTIVITY 8 (a)**. **Guess** the meaning of the words **in bold** and **choose** the correct option (**a** or **b**).

Estate agent So, this is the house ... As I say, it's **1. conveniently located** near to the shops. And there are lots of good restaurants and bars nearby.

- a.** in a good location **b.** far from other places

Woman So it's quite noisy, then?

Estate agent **2. Lively**, I'd say. We're in a very **popular area** of the town.

- a.** quiet and empty **b.** full of life and activity

Woman The road's quite busy.

Estate agent Well, yes, it can get busy. There are lots of buses that will take you right to the town centre. Here's one now, in fact!

Woman Oh, it's stopping right outside the front gate. There's a bus stop here!

Estate agent Yes! What could be more convenient? Shall we go in? So, this is the hall. And on the right is the living room. **3. Cosy**, isn't it?

- a.** warm and comfortable **b.** cold and uncomfortable

Woman Hmm. It's certainly small, and a bit dark.

Estate agent And through here is the kitchen.

Woman It's **4. tiny**.

- a.** very big **b.** very small

Estate agent It certainly isn't **5. spacious**, ...

- a.** large **b.** not having enough space

Estate agent ... but I wouldn't say it's **6. cramped**. The cooker and fridge are new. And it looks out onto the back garden.

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| a. not having enough space | b. large |
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Woman Oh, yes. The owner isn't keen on gardening, then.

Estate agent No, I suppose not!

Woman And the back fence is very **7. dilapidated**. It looks like it could fall down at any moment!

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| a. in very bad condition | b. new and modern |
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Estate agent Yes, it might possibly need a bit of work ... Moving on upstairs ... This is the main bedroom. There's a **8. charming** view from the window.

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| a. unpleasant | b. pleasant and attractive |
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Woman I can see right into the bus station.

Estate agent Yes, er, I mean above that. You can see right across the town ... So, what do you think of the house?

Woman Hmm. I'm not sure.

Estate agent It could be **9. beautifully restored**.

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| a. broken and not repaired | b. repaired and renewed |
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