

Listening

1  **UT Track 1** You are going to listen to a radio interview with a housing expert called Valerie Richards. Read the questions, listen and decide if they are **True** or **False**.

- 1 The interviewer's name is Michael Fletcher.
a False b True
- 2 The expert talks about the size of terraced houses.
a False b True
- 3 The expert compares new houses with old houses.
a True b False
- 4 The expert says that old houses are always better than new houses.
a True b False
- 5 The interviewer mentions where he would most like to live.
a False b True

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2  **UT Track 1** Listen and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Who is Michael Fletcher?
A someone who listens to the radio show
B a person who has recently moved house
C a housing expert
- 2 What does Valerie say about terraced houses?
A There is less space outside them compared to in the past.
B The garages are much smaller than in the past.
C They are not as popular as they were.
- 3 Why do people prefer new houses, according to Valerie?
A There are many types to choose from.
B It is easier to put wooden floors in them.
C They are simpler to buy than old houses.
- 4 What problem with old houses is mentioned?
A They use a lot of electricity.
B They can be expensive to repair.
C The doors are too big.
- 5 What house does the interviewer prefer?
A a new house
B a small house
C a flat with a romantic view

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Grammar

3 Complete the sentence with the verbs in brackets in the past simple or the past continuous.

- 1 I _____ (drop) my mobile while I _____ (cross) the road and a car drove over it!
- 2 While we _____ (study) history yesterday, I _____ (read) that most Roman houses were made of wood.
- 3 Last week we _____ (buy) some new furniture. When they brought it to the flat we _____ (realise) it was too big to go through the door!
- 4 Steve _____ (have) his lunch when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- 5 It's very annoying. I _____ (watch) a video on YouTube and then it suddenly _____ (stop).

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4 Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

- 1 Patty _____ to have a pet dog, but unfortunately it ran away.
- 2 When I was younger I _____ often play with wooden bricks at home.
- 3 Brendan _____ to clean the house, but now he tidies up every Saturday.
- 4 Jordi _____ to like watching tennis, but now he does.
- 5 The Romans _____ spend their time outside as much as possible.
- 6 When you were young, _____ have your own bedroom?
- 7 I never _____ visit my grandparents, but now I visit them often.
- 8 I remember my mother _____ always read a story to me before I went to sleep.
- 9 Kevin _____ sit at the table for meals, do you remember that? I think he does now.
- 10 _____ kick your football over the hedge?

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| 1 A used | B would | C use |
| 2 A used | B would | C would to |
| 3 A never use | B didn't used | C never used |
| 4 A used | B didn't used | C didn't use |
| 5 A would to | B used | C used to |
| 6 A did you use to | B did you used to | C would you |
| 7 A use to | B used to | C used |
| 8 A use to | B would | C used |
| 9 A would never | B used never to | C didn't used to |
| 10 A Used you to | B Would you used to | C Did you ever use to |

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UNIT 1 TEST | Standard

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Reading

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WANTED

Girls to share room in English family's flat.
Kitchen shared - bathroom ours!
Phone after 6 pm for details.

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Hi Mum and Dad,

Hope you are well. The accommodation is fine and the family I am with are very friendly. England isn't as cold as people say! First class tomorrow. Wish me luck!

Barry

3

George,

Help! I left my keys at school and I'm outside the house. Message me! I'm cold!

Stef

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To Gary

From Dave

Hi Gary!

I'm celebrating passing my driving test! Bring some drinks and I'll provide food. Mary's bringing her guitar. If you want to stay over, I can put you up.

Dave

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Bob,

Thanks for renting your flat to us. We broke a dish. Sorry! Have left some money.

- 5 Read the texts and match them to the text types. There are two text types you do not need.

a note | a message | an email | a label
a reminder | a postcard | a sign

Text 1 _____

Text 2 _____

Text 3 _____

Text 4 _____

Text 5 _____

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- 6 Choose the sentence which describes the texts.

- 1 A The room doesn't need furniture.
B The room has a kitchen to share with the family.
C The room is in a big flat.
- 2 A Barry is writing to complain about the cold temperature.
B Barry is writing to ask about the health of his parents.
C Barry is writing to say that he is happy where he is staying.
- 3 A Stef has left something outside.
B Stef can't get into her house.
C Stef couldn't find George earlier.
- 4 A Dave is inviting Gary to a celebration.
B Dave is asking Gary to bring food to his party.
C Dave is asking Gary to play music.
- 5 A The message is from the people who clean Bob's flat.
B The message is from some people working in Bob's flat.
C The message is from visitors who paid to stay in Bob's flat.

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Vocabulary

- 7 Complete the sentence with the correct alternative.

- 1 We can't see our neighbour's garden because they have a very tall **roof** / **ledge**.
- 2 We keep my old toys up in the **attic** / **ceiling**, but I don't often go up there because of the spiders!
- 3 My parents' bedroom has a small **ledge** / **balcony**. They use it in the summer.

- 4 My dad doesn't like us eating our dinner on the sofa and watching TV in the **living** / **dining** room.
- 5 Jane has posters on the **roof** / **ceiling** of her bedroom so she can look up at her favourite singer from her bed.
- 6 When his dad's car isn't there, Dave plays table tennis in the **garage** / **basement**.
- 7 I prefer to do my homework in the **balcony** / **study** because it is quieter than the living room.
- 8 My grandparents' house has a tall **attic** / **chimney** on the roof.

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- 8 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

down | in | out | up

- 1 Max wants to do _____ his room and paint it in the colours of his football team.
- 2 I'm very excited about our new house! We're moving _____ next week.
- 3 The local council have started pulling _____ old flats to build new ones.
- 4 When I was in London, my friend Colin put me _____ for a couple of days.
- 5 My aunt is renting _____ her second flat to tourists during the summer.
- 6 When Ian changed schools, it was a long time before he settled _____ and made new friends.
- 7 Before visitors come over, we all have to tidy _____ the house.

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- 9 Correct the words in bold.

- 1 Look! It's very cloudy. I don't think it's worth **go** to the beach.

- 2 Jake isn't very keen **in** playing video games. He prefers playing sport.

- 3 When we moved into our new house my dad made me **need** him tidy the garage.

- 4 My uncle stopped me **to** going into the attic because he said there was a mouse there!

- 5 The guide told us not to **hurt** the exhibits in the museum. _____

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Speaking



10 Look at the first photo. Complete the sentences with the correct alternative.

- 1 This is a photo of a girl in her bedroom. **In / On** the right there are some shelves.
- 2 **On / In** the background there is a desk.
- 3 The girl is sitting **on / to** the bed.
- 4 **Behind / In front of** the girl there is a laptop.
- 5 There are some photos **above / below** the desk.

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11 Describe the second photo. Use the words given. Add any other words you need.

- 1 can see / boy / sit / floor

- 2 behind / boy / see / bed

- 3 right / see / a lamp

- 4 left / photo / see / a rack

- 5 photos / above / bed

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Language in Use

12 Write one word in each gap to complete the text.

My friend Jenna's family have moved house because their old house was too far from her school. The garden in their new house is big (1) _____ for Jenna to play tennis in it! And her new school is (2) _____ close that she can walk there in five minutes. But moving house was such (3) _____ difficult thing that it took them all weekend. They (4) _____ have enough time (5) _____ put the furniture in Jenna's room. Now Jenna isn't very happy. That's because her new bedroom is (6) _____ small for her old desk. In fact, it's (7) _____ a large desk that it won't fit through the door! Jenna says she needs a desk that isn't too small (8) _____ her to do her homework on. (9) _____ little sister, Emma, also has a lot of toys. Because she has (10) _____ many toys, some will have to go in the attic!

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Writing

You see this announcement in your school's English-language magazine.

Articles Wanted!

WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL HOME?

Write an article telling us what your perfect home is.

Where is it? Why is it your perfect home?

The best articles will be published next month.

13 Read the writing task and choose the correct option for the article.

- 1 a) To my mind, newer houses are far preferable to older ones.
b) I think that new houses are better than old ones.
- 2 a) I like houses with big windows and lots of light.
b) Features such as large windows help to increase the amount of light.
- 3 a) Also, I'd rather live in the country.
b) Furthermore, my own preference would be for a home in the country.
- 4 a) In contrast, a flat in the city holds more appeal for some people.
b) But some people like to live in flats in the city.
- 5 a) Consequently, I would prefer to live in a cottage in the country.
b) So I think my ideal home is a country cottage.

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14 Read the writing task and write your article. Write about 100 words.

Remember to:

- make a paragraph plan.
- answer all the questions.
- write in an appropriate style for the reader.
- write about 100 words.

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Total score

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