

UNIT 7 reading exercises

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My favourite room

My favourite room is my bedroom. When I was little, we lived in a small flat. There wasn't a dining room and there were only three bedrooms so I shared a bedroom with my sister. Now I've got my own room, because our new flat has got four bedrooms. I love it!

I've got the usual things in my bedroom such as a big desk, a green chair and an enormous wardrobe. I've also got fantastic posters on the wall. My favourite piece of furniture is my bed of course.

I often sit in my bedroom on my own and I listen to music. I also read magazines but I don't like studying on my own – it's boring. What's your favourite room in your house?

Answer the questions:

What is Molly's favourite room?

Did they live in a house when she was little?

Did she share a room with anyone?

Does she have her own room now?

What does she have on the wall?

What is her favourite thing in the room?

Why doesn't she like studying?

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Leap Castle

There are lots of medieval castles in Ireland. They weren't royal palaces, as they often were in Britain. They were fortified homes for important Irish families and many of them exist today.

Some are in ruins, but others are habitable. They are usually places of interest, hotels or private homes, but there's one thing that these castles have in common – many people say that there are ghosts in them.

One example is Leap Castle in central Ireland. When the castle was uninhabited, local people noticed lights in the bedroom windows at night. Then, when the new owners, the Ryans, restored the castle over ten years ago, two mysterious accidents occurred. The Ryans started to think that they weren't welcome. Today, however, they live happily with the ghosts. A few years ago, when the ghost of an old man appeared in a chair, the Ryans greeted him and continued as normal. Also, on quiet evenings, they often hear music from some of the rooms downstairs.

For those people who love history or for those who are interested in the paranormal, Ireland, and especially Leap Castle, is a good place to visit.

1 Listen and read the text

2 Match pairs

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| 1 royal palaces | a) spirits of dead people |
| 2 in ruins | b) very big houses that were the homes of kings and queens |
| 3 ghosts | c) destroyed |
| 4 uninhabited | d) said hello to someone |
| 5 owners | e) proprietors |
| 6 greeted | f) when nobody lives in a place |

3 Mark TRUE / FALSE

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| 1 The castles in Ireland aren't very old. | T / F |
| 2 Important people lived in Irish castles, but not kings and queens. | T / F |
| 3 It isn't possible to live in some of the castles today. | T / F |
| 4 People think that there are ghosts in Leap Castle. | T / F |
| 5 A family lived in Leap Castle when lights were visible at night. | T / F |
| 6 Two accidents happened after the Ryans moved to Leap Castle. | T / F |
| 7 The Ryans think that the ghosts are friendly now. | T / F |
| 8 There aren't any historical places to visit in Ireland. | T / F |

4 Look up a word in a dictionary

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|-------------|----------------|
| uninhabited | majitel |
| notice | obnovit |
| owner | nehoda, náhoda |
| restore | přihodit se |
| accident | neobydlený |
| occur | hrad, zámek |
| castle | pozdravit |
| greet | všimnout si |

Choose the correct words

Hello from Thorpeness! It's a small village in the east of England and we (1) **stay / 're staying** here right now. We (2) **usually stay / 're usually staying** in a hotel when we're on holiday, but this time we (3) **'s / 've** got a house for two weeks. It's called the 'House in the Clouds' because it's about 21 metres high!

It's an interesting house. About (4) **90 years ago / ago 90 years** it was a water tower. Do you know what a water tower is? You (5) **don't / doesn't** see many of them now. They're tall buildings and they contain water for the houses around them. Anyway, water towers are ugly so the architect (6) **designs / designed** this one to look like a house. There (7) **was / were** a house under the water tower at that time. Then, in 1977, they converted the building into one house. It (8) **isn't / wasn't** a water tower now.

My bedroom's on the fourth floor so I can see Thorpeness beach and the sea. The sand on the beach (9) **is / are** lovely. Dad (10) **runs / 's running** on it every morning. He (11) **like / likes** doing exercise. There's an artificial lake in the village. You (12) **can / can't** swim in it, but you can go boating. It's fun!

See you soon.

Lily x

Listening

Answer the questions:

- 1 How many bedrooms were there?

- 2 How many bathrooms were there?

- 3 Where was the kitchen?

- 4 What room was at the top of the house?

Tick the things you hear:

armchair	☐	microwave	☐
cooker	☐	mirror	☐
cupboard	☐	telephone	☐
dishwasher	☐	table-tennis table	☐
lamp	☐	washing machine	☐