

UPSTAIRS 2021 A2

UNIT 6

Reading

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A CAVE?



Can you imagine living in a cave on the side of a mountain? Well, that is what millions of people in the Shanxi province in northern China have (1)_____ for thousands of years. They call their caves 'yaodong' and the families who live there usually pass their homes on from parents to children. Some families, like the Guo family, have had the same cave (2)_____ over three hundred years.

Mr and Mrs Guo are farmers. Their farm is small but it is (3)_____ to their 'yaodong', so it is easy for them to walk there.

They have a few crops, they grow vegetables and they keep some goats and sheep. It's a good life, but it's far away from the city and there are no cinemas or restaurants nearby. There aren't any hospitals either, but there is a school,

where Mr and Mrs (4)_____ son went before going to university in the city.

The Guo's cave is very comfortable. Many years ago, their ancestors carved the cave into the mountainside and made it their home. Today, they have three rooms next to each other with big windows looking out on to the countryside. Towards the back of the rooms, there are bedrooms. The kitchen, (5)_____ room and living room are in the front so they get more natural light. Outside, there is a (6)_____ where the Guos sit on sunny days.

One of the great things about living in a cave is the fact that it's really warm in winter and cool in summer. This is because it is inside the mountain, with only one outside (7)_____. But there isn't any (8)_____ water or electricity and when the Guo's son finished university, he didn't want to return to the 'yaodong'. He got a job in the city and now he lives there with his family. He has a flat with (9)_____ bathroom and an (10)_____ conditioner, but he and his family still spend all their holidays back in the 'yaodong'.

B. Read the article about living in a cave again. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space.

1 A been	B done	C lived
2 A for	B since	C in
3 A by	B close	C far
4 A Guo's	B Guos	C Guos'
5 A eating	B utility	C dining
6 A hallway	B shed	C patio
7 A rug	B wall	C villa

8 A running	B runner	C going
9 A a	B the	C some
10 A water	B cool	C air



Vocabulary and Use your English



A. Match 1-8 to a-h.

1. When the supermarket is closed or we haven't got the car, _____	a. Sally says the exhibition of Impressionist paintings is brilliant.
2. Oh, no! The tank is almost empty. _____	b. I often go to the corner shop.
3. Marina works in a factory.	c. I want to change some pounds into euros.
4. Let's go to the theatre. _____	d. They make digital cameras.
5. Shall we go to the museum tomorrow? _____	e. I'm going to university.
6. Oh, dear! I can't find my wallet or my passport! I think somebody stole them. _____	f. I have to go to the petrol station.
7. When I finish school next year, _____	g. You should go to the police station and report it.
8. I need to go to the bank tomorrow. _____	h. There's a great play on at the moment.

B. Choose the correct answers.

1. Go straight _____ until you get to the fire station. Then turn right.
a on b over c across
2. George has _____ up golf. He loves it.
a worked b taken c broken
3. I don't like big cities because they are so ___, noisy and polluted. I like the countryside.
a crowded b crowding c relaxing

4. Don't forget to ____ your books to the library when you've read them.
a display b enter c return

5. I don't like ____ movies with lots of fighting and killing.
a crazy b violent c interesting

6. Our tour ____ in Prague was brilliant. We learned so much about the city.
a guide b teacher c coach

7. 'Are there any exams in ____?' 'Yes, so please be quiet.'
a display b progress c place

C. Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Pay attention to the tenses!

take up	put on	run out of	look for	come down with
looking forward			work out	

1. Oh, no! We've _____ eggs. There aren't any in the fridge.
2. Sorry, I can't come to your party. I've _____ a very bad cold.
3. I'm going to _____ a new sport next year, maybe basketball or tennis
4. We are really _____ the new Avengers movie! They say it's great.
5. They _____ a fantastic play at school last night. The actors were brilliant.
6. She _____ some information about the pyramids yesterday, and then went to sleep.
7. She has just _____ so she is very tired.

D. Complete the sentences with this, that, these or those.

1. Are _____ your bags over there?
2. Ssh! I'm really enjoying _____ film! I can't hear it with all the noise you're making.
3. _____ isn't my jacket. Mine is that one over there.
4. Look! _____'s the house I was telling you about. Isn't it lovely?
5. 'Are _____ books here yours?' 'Yes, they are. Thank you.'
6. Have you put up _____ curtains I gave you the other day?

7. I saw ____ new buildings that you told me about when I went into town yesterday. They are amazing.
8. ____ chocolates are delicious. Would you like one?

E. Complete the sentences with a, an, the or -(no article).

1. I'd like ____ coffee, please.
2. Sofia lives in ____ Romania.
3. Paulo plays ____ piano really well.
4. ____ sun is shining brightly today.
5. Can I borrow ____ jumper please? I'm a bit cold.
6. It's ____ interesting book, but very long.
7. ____ Seine is in Paris.
8. ____ weather in England changes all the time.

Listening

F. Listen and complete.

You will hear some information about a sports centre. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the information twice.

Al's Sports Centre

Opening hours: from 9.00 am to (1) _____ pm daily

Contact the manager: telephone number (2) _____

Address: (3) _____ Shelton Road

Monthly fee: starts at (4) _____ pounds

Yoga class: begins on (5) _____ September