

Housing Project (1st. Part)

1.Pre-reading: Read the following progress report on a housing project. Leer un informe de situación sobre un proyecto de urbanización (construcción de viviendas)

Block 43 East

We have made a lot of progress on the project in spite of the bad weather. We have demolished all the old farm buildings. We have also felled the trees on the site, cleared the ground and flattened it.

We have completed the first group of ten houses although we still have to do a small amount of internal finishing work. With the second group of ten houses, we have put on the roofs and fitted the windows and doors. We have taken down the scaffolding. However, we have not finished the internal electrical work yet.

We have laid the foundations for the third group of houses. We have erected the scaffolding but we have fallen behind the schedule on these ten houses. These houses are now holding up the whole project. We still have to put on the roofs and fit the doors and windows. I have employed extra workmen to try to make up some of the lost time, but we cannot now finish the project on October 15th as planned.

There is one other problem. Although we have constructed all the access roads, we have not surfaced any of them yet. We have had a big problem getting delivery of the asphalt but that has now arrived and the work will be carried out next week.

To sum up, I estimate that we will be approximately three weeks late signing off the project, assuming that we do not encounter bad weather during the next two months.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Demolish farm buildings								
Fell trees								
Clear ground								
Flatten ground								
Lay foundation				Group 1	Group 2	Group 3		
Put up scaffolding					Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
Build walls						Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

1. Match the infinitive verbs (on the left) with the appropriate phrases (on the right) taken from the text. (Unir verbos con frases sustantivas)

VERBS

1. make

2. demolish

3. Clear and flatten

4. Erect and take down

5. put on

6. fit

7. fell

8. fall behind

9. do

10. lay

11. surface

12. deliver

PHRASES

the scaffolding

the trees

The schedule

old farm buildings

electrical work

the ground

the access roads

a progress

the roofs

the foundations

the asphalt

the windows and doors

3. What's the meaning of the phrases above? Write the correct number for each phrase translation (Escribir el número que corresponde a cada traducción)

- limpiar y nivelar el terreno
- asfaltar las calles de acceso
- colocar las aberturas
- talar
- armar y desarmar los andamios
- hacer trabajos de electricidad
- atrasarse con el cronograma
- entregar el hormigón
- colocar/poner los techos
- avanzar / progresar (proyecto)
- demoler construcciones viejas
- sentar los cimientos