

FORM 3

CLOSE-UP

UNIT 5 : A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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(illustration)

Upgrade your English with **CLOSE-UP!**

5 A Place to Call Home

Reading

A What kind of problems can buildings have? Who fixes them? Match the problem (1–5) with the person (a–e).

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| 1 the bathroom light doesn't work | a builder |
| 2 there is water under the kitchen sink | b cleaner |
| 3 a storm damaged the roof | c electrician |
| 4 the house is really dirty | d painter |
| 5 the walls are a boring colour | e plumber |

B Work with a partner. You have a problem in your home. Tell your partner what the problem is. Your partner tells you who to call for help.

The living room ceiling is wet.

You need a plumber!



- C Quickly read the adverts 1–5 below and decide where you might find each one.
- D Read the *Exam Close-up*. Then read the *Exam Task* below and underline the key words.

Exam Task

Look at each of the texts. What do they say? Choose the correct letter a, b or c.

- The advert says that
 - the lift in the building doesn't work.
 - the bus stop is next to the shops.
 - you can't have animals in the flat.
- Helen doesn't want to buy a brown sofa.
 - Helen isn't sure if Tim will like the sofa.
 - Helen has got half of the money for the sofa.
- All areas of the gym are open from Monday.
 - Members should not go to the gym at the weekend.
 - The problem with the swimming pool is not serious.
- Why has Judy written the email?
 - to get Dina's opinion about the hotel
 - to check if Dina is going to Dublin
 - to ask Dina to book rooms for them
- What must Robby do?
 - Show the plumber where the money is.
 - Ask the plumber to fix the bowl in the sink.
 - Check the plumber's work before he gives him the money.

Eliminating answers

- Read all the texts first and think about where they are from.
- Then read and underline the key words in the answer options.
- Look for similar information to the words you underlined in the text.
- If you can't find any similar information for one of the answer options in the text, you can eliminate it.
- Check the information for the options you didn't eliminate and choose the one which answers the question.

Word Focus

urgent: needs attention very soon before anything else
inconvenience: a situation that causes problems or a delay
historic: important in history

Joe's Gym

Important notice for members!

The swimming pool will be closed on Saturday and Sunday for urgent repairs.

All other areas of the gym are open as usual.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

R. Smith
Manager

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To Let
New 2-bedroom 3rd floor flat
next to bus stop and close to shops
\$200 a week
Available from 1st July
No lift
No pets
Carl: 0401276894

2

16:57
 Helen
 04-Aug 16:55
 Tim,
 I'm at the furniture shop. They've got the sofa we've been looking for at half price, but not in black. Is brown OK with you? I don't mind.
 Reply More

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email
 From: Judy To: Dina
 Hi. Are you still interested in going to Dublin with us? I need to book the rooms tomorrow.
 We're staying in this beautiful historic building. Here's the link:
www.princesshotel.com
 It's great, isn't it?

5

Robby,
 The plumber will be there at four o'clock to fix the sink. I have left the money for him on the kitchen table under the bowl. Please make sure the sink is OK before you pay him!
 Dad

- Do you get on well with your neighbours? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think the city or the countryside is a better place for a teenager to grow up in? Why? / Why not?

Ideas Focus