

5TH YEAR PLUS (Intermediate)

USE OF ENGLISH

1. Match the definitions with the types of home below.

bungalow flat mansion semi-detached house
terraced house thatched cottage

- 1 a set of rooms usually on one floor, often in a tower block _____
- 2 a house which shares one wall with another to form a pair of houses _____
- 3 a house without stairs which is on one level _____
- 4 a small, old house with a roof made of straw _____
- 5 a house in a line of similar houses _____
- 6 a very large house _____

3. Complete the sentences with the words below.

attic basement conservatory drive
fence landing patio shutters

- 1 We often have lunch outside on the _____ when the weather is fine.
- 2 There's a wooden _____ around the garden to keep people out.
- 3 They're building a _____ onto the outside of their house.
- 4 His flat doesn't get a lot of light because it's in the _____.
- 5 Go up the stairs to the _____ and the bathroom is on the left.
- 6 All of my old toys are up in the _____.
- 7 It's dark in here because I haven't opened the _____ yet.
- 8 Our garage is full of old furniture, so we have to leave our car on the _____.

2. Complete the sentences with *do*, *make* or *take*.

- 1 You can usually _____ one look at a house to know whether you want to live there or not.
- 2 You shouldn't _____ more than 120 km/h when you're driving on a motorway in Spain.
- 3 I can't _____ up my mind what to wear to the party tonight.
- 4 They're going to _____ the spare room into a nursery for their new baby.
- 5 We were prepared for last night's storm, so it didn't _____ a lot of damage.
- 6 I'd like to _____ French lessons, but I can't seem to find the time.

4. COMPARATIVES. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets. It may be necessary to add an extra word to the sentence.

- 1 The _____ the house, the more expensive it is to heat. (large)
- 2 That's the _____ balcony I've ever seen. (tiny)
- 3 Houseboats are _____ today than they used to be. (common)
- 4 We'll have to look _____ if we want to find a house we can afford. (hard)
- 5 Our new flat has _____ rooms than our old one, so now I have to share a room with my sister. (few)
- 6 Your garden is _____ than ours because you haven't got as many flowers. (colourful)
- 7 They're worried that their cellar might flood as it's raining _____ now. (heavy)

5. Imaginary situations. Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A Where would you live if you _____ (have) the choice?
B I _____ (buy) a villa on the coast.
- 2 A What would your parents do if you _____ (not clean) your room?
B They _____ (not give) me any pocket money.
- 3 A How would you feel if you _____ (be) homeless?
B I _____ (not like) it at all.
- 4 A If you could, _____ (you / make) any changes to your home?
B Yes. I'd build an extension so that I _____ (can) have my own room.
- 5 A If your room _____ (need) painting, what colour would you choose?
B I _____ (paint) one wall blue and the others white.

7. Complete the dialogue with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Eve Hi, Will. ¹ _____ (you finish) reading that magazine yet?
- Will Not quite. I ² _____ (read) this article about Paris. It's really interesting.
- Eve ³ _____ (you visit) France, then?
- Will Lots of times – we ⁴ _____ (go) there on holiday for years. Recently, my aunt and uncle ⁵ _____ (buy) a house there so we'll go even more often.
- Eve Lucky you. I ⁶ _____ (never visit) another country. Anyway, I ⁷ _____ (make) a cake if you'd like a piece?
- Will That's really kind, but no thanks. I ⁸ _____ (eat) biscuits all morning and I'm full!

6. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish we _____ a swimming pool. It would be perfect in the summer. (have)
- 2 If only my brother _____ more in the house. Then I wouldn't have to do everything! (help)
- 3 If only you _____ so far away. We hardly ever see each other. (not live)
- 4 I wish my neighbour _____ his music so loud. I can't concentrate! (not play)
- 5 I wish you _____ the bathroom every time you have a shower. You make such a mess! (not flood)
- 6 If only I _____ older. Then I could leave home. (be)

8. Choose the correct option.

There are few people for ¹ _____ a job interview is enjoyable, but a little preparation can make a big difference. The most important thing is to ² _____ the company online and find out as much as you can about it. While you are reading, try to ³ _____ some questions ⁴ _____ will demonstrate the knowledge you have gained. You should also find out the name of the street ⁵ _____ the company is located because you need to ⁶ _____ how to get there in plenty of time. Make a note of the name of the person ⁷ _____ will be interviewing you, and ask specifically for him or her when you arrive. During the interview, do not be afraid to ⁸ _____ the subject of salary and holidays, but leave these questions until later. Obviously, the candidate ⁹ _____ performance impresses the interviewer most will get the job, but with the right preparation it might ¹⁰ _____ being you!

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| 1 a who | b whom | c whose |
| 2 a look after | b look up | c look up to |
| 3 a come up with | b get away with | c go in for |
| 4 a who | b whose | c that |
| 5 a where | b which | c whose |
| 6 a ask out | b come across | c work out |
| 7 a whom | b who | c whose |
| 8 a bring up | b give up | c hold up |
| 9 a which | b who | c whose |
| 10 a end up | b get up | c make up |