

C2: BUYING A HOUSE



Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the words in the box. Drag the words in the box and place them in the appropriate gaps.

realtor

draft contract

structural survey

Legally binding

conveyancing

covenant

Put in an offer

Building/construction permit

1. Each order that is accepted constitutes a _____ contract between the seller and the purchaser.
2. A _____ is an official approval issued by the local government agency that allows you or your contractor to proceed with a construction or remodeling project on your property. It is intended to ensure that the project plans to comply with local standards for land use, zoning, and construction.
3. During the process of a property transaction, for instance, the first agreement is called the _____. The precise terms and wording also have not been agreed to by all sides.
4. (AmE) A person whose job is to arrange the sale, renting or management of homes, lands or buildings for the owners (BrE *estate agent*). _____
5. If you see something that takes your eye, you _____ an offer. The vendor (seller) can accept or decline this offer, and if the vendor accepts it, you can move forward with the sale.
6. Your next step will probably be to get a _____ done. A qualified surveyor will inspect the house and write a report that illustrates any unsound structural problems, like damp or drainage problems.
7. If you still want to go ahead with the sale, you need to appoint a solicitor (a lawyer) to do the _____ (= the legal paperwork).
8. A formal agreement between two or more people: *the contract contained a restrictive _____ against building on the land.*