



Extra Training

Reading Task 491

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

Shrub Farm is pleasantly situated towards the end of Fir Tree Lane, a no-thorough road, so any form of traffic noise is simply out of the question. Also, the neighbours shouldn't be a worrying factor at all although the adjoining farm has planning permission for some houses, they are only being developed at the moment. The house strikes a traditional note with its cosy wooden construction and the pitched slate roof which is believed to have formerly been thatched. The interior features impressive stairs to the first floor: the kitchen can be adapted freely to suit a new owners' needs. We are informed that the present owners have farmed the land in an organic manner, and fortunately no chemical fertilisers have been used for 20 years. The farm includes an animal shed.

(adapted from: Ross Clark, 'Room for improvement; The Daily Telegraph')

1. The farm is located at the end of a blind alley.
2. Some people asked questions about the place.
3. According to the text, there are only two neighbours in the area.
4. There seems to be a building site right on your doorstep.
5. The house is built of wood and brick.
6. The building gives the impression of being a cosy, traditional country-style house.
7. The interior has one special feature worth talking about.
8. The kitchen may be easily modernised.
9. New owners will need little money to modernize it.
10. In fact, the land hasn't been cultivated for years.
11. Animals used to be kept on the farm.

