

UNIT 10: OUR HOUSES IN THE FUTURE

+ Cloze test

A. Choose the correct word A, B, or C for each of the gaps to complete the following text.

Are you tired (1) _____ the colour or pattern of your walls? In a smart home, you won't have to (2) _____ them. The walls will actually be digital screens, like computer or TV screens.

A computer network will link these walls with (3) _____ else in your house. Called "ambient intelligence," this computer "brain" will control your entire house. It will also adapt to your preferences. Your house will learn about your likes and dislikes. It will then use that knowledge to control the environment. For example, it will set the heat in the house to your (4) _____ temperature. It will turn on the shower at the right temperature. It will also darken the windows at night and lighten them when it's (35) _____ to wake up.

1. A. with	B. of	C. in	D. by
2. A. build	B. cover	C. pull	D. repaint
3. A. thing	B. everything	C. anything	D. nothing
4. A. favourite	B. terrible	C. high	D. clearly
5. A. occasion	B. way	C. time	D. order

B. Choose the correct word A, B, or C for each of the gaps to complete the following text.

Our future house will be on the ocean. It will be surrounded by tall trees and blue sea. But we only have salt water in the ocean. We need fresh water for (1) _____ and for growing food (2) _____ farms.

Ocean water is too salty (3) _____. It is also too salty for watering plants. We must have the (4) _____ to make fresh water from salty water. We should be (5) _____ not to waste water.

1. A. drink	B. to drink	C. drinking	D. to drinking
2. A. on	B. at	C. in	D. into
3. A. drink	B. to drink	C. drinking	D. for drink
4. A. things	B. suggestions	C. ways	D. ideas
5. A. careful	B. careless	C. carefully	D. carelessly

Reading comprehension

A. Reading the following passage and choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best answers each of the questions below.

My dream is to live in a big house surrounded by a big garden full of flowers and trees. I don't like to live in an apartment with blocks of flats and rude neighbors making noise in the middle of the night. My future house will be located outside the city. It might be near a river. I have always dreamt of living near rivers and hearing the sound of the birds in the morning.

My house will have a smart appliance which will monitor the current weather forecast to keep the temperature inside the house comfortable. It will use solar energy to heat the water; feed lights, computer, and other electronics. My future house will be an eco-house that uses clean energy to save the environment.

It will have a large garden for me to have as many pets as I wish for. Then there will be some robots in the house to help me with my housework. They will clean the house every morning, prepare all the meals for me and feed the dogs and cats.

1. Where will the house be located.

- A. inside the river
- B. outside the city
- C. in the sky
- D. in the village

2. Why doesn't the author like to live in an apartment?

- A. He/she doesn't like to live in blocks of flats
- B. He/she doesn't like the city
- C. He/she doesn't like to live with rude neighbors
- D. Both A and C are correct

3. Solar energy is used to _____

- A. prepare meals
- B. run the computers
- C. cool the water
- D. water the flowers

4. Why does the author want to live in an eco-house?

- A. to save energy
- B. so save the wild animals
- C. to save the environment
- D. to save water

5. What will the robots do?

- A. feed the pets
- B. clean the house
- C. cook meal
- D. All are correct

B. Read the passage and decide whether the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

Peter White has an idea of a new type of house for the future. The house will have new technology which will help it save a lot of energy. Firstly, a control panel will be the brain of the house. You can set the temperature, and the windows will close automatically when it's hot outside. Secondly, hot shower is usually a great start to the day, but this will be no normal shower. It will use rain water collected from the roof and heated by solar energy, or heat from the sun. Thirdly, the house will be a self-cleaning house. When you go are not at home, a system will recognize which place needs to be cleaned and do the cleaning. This house will be built and sold for those who are caring about the environment.

	True	False
1. Peter's new type of will help to save a lot of energy.		
2. When it IS very hot outside, the windows will automatically close.		
3. The shower will use water on the roof produced by the house.		
4. The house will ask a person to clean it when you are not at home.		
5. Who cares about the environment will buy this house.		