BUYING A HOUSE

Task 1. BUYING A HOUSE. Put each of the following words or phrases into its correct place in the passage below.

buyer document contract fixtures deposit information lawyer legal possession price proof of ownership property purchaser terms seller time signs

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When a . . . . . has chosen the house he wants, he has a . . . . . draw up a contract. This . . . . . states the . . . . . definition of the . . . . . , gives the purchase . . . . . , and demands . . . . . from the present owner. It also includes other important . . . . . such as the . . . . . that are to remain in the house and the . . . . . when the . . . . . will take . . . . . .

The buyer pays a . . . . . when he . . . . . the . . . . . The deposit binds the . . . . . to the . . . . . of the contract.

Task 2. BUYING A HOUSE. Choose the right answer.

1. He refused to sell his house at the low . . . . . offered.

a) expense b) figure c) money d) sale

2. There has been a . . . . . in the sales of new houses since mortgages became more difficult to obtain.

a) broke b) crash c) dive d) drop

3. All their money is . . . . . up in the new house they have bought.

a) connected b) limited c) lying d) tied

4. The . . . . . of two houses proved such a financial burden that they were forced to sell one.

a) upkeep b) uproar c) upshot d) upsurge

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5. I am not prepared to sell you my house unless you offer a more . . . . . price.

a) actual b) correct c) realistic d) true

6. When my grandfather died, his house was put up for . . . . . .

a) auction b) bargain c) offer d) market

7. He bought his house on an . . . . . plan, paying a certain amount of money each month.

a) instalment b) part c) piece d) share

8. Before you agree to buy that house, find out if the Building Society will give you a . . . . .

a) credit b) deposit c) loan d) mortgage

9. His solicitor advised him to make sure that the house was fully . . . . . by insurance.

a) covered b) defended c) guarded d) protected

10. The corrupt real-estate agent wanted to obtain the contract so he offered a . . . . . to the civil servant.

a) bait b) bonus c) bribe d) tip

Task 3. BUYING A HOUSE/FLAT. Choose the correct answer.

1. They sold their house for only $ 15,000, so the buyer got a wonderful . . . . .

a) amount b) bargain c) cost d) worth

2. If we want to buy a house, we'll have to . . . . . our spending.

a) care for b) cut back c) let down d) save

3. The rise in house prices . . . . . him to sell his house for a large profit.

a) achieved b) enabled c) managed d) succeeded

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4. They . . . . . me a good price for my house, so I sold it.

a) brought b) offered c) showed d) suggested

5. All house-owners need . . . . . policy against thefts or accidents.

a) an assurance c) an insurance c) a protection d) a security

6. I advise you to take . . . . . to ensure that your property is adequately covered by insurance.

a) actions b) dealings c) means d) steps

7. They . . . . . great difficulty saving up enough money for a house.

a) achieved b) found c) had d) made

8. He bought that house, ... that he would inherit money under his uncle's will.

a) accounting b) assuming c) considering d) estimating

9. They made . . . . . of over $ 1,500 on the sale of their house.

a) a benefit b) a gain c) a fall d) a profit

10. He was lucky to get the house for less than the asking . . . . .

a) amount b) cost c) price d) value

11. This house has been up . . . . . sale for over a year now.

a) at b) for c) in d) to

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