

# Architecture

1 Put the words and phrases in the box into their appropriate category in the table beneath. Some words or phrases can go into more than one category. The material in this module basically remains the same, with the exception of the following changes:

art deco   concrete   controversial   elegant   energy-efficient  
 an eyesore   façade   foundations   functional   glass  
 high-rise apartments   high-tech   international style  
 low-rise apartments   modernist   multi-storey car park   post-modern  
 pleasing geometric forms   porch   practical   reinforced concrete  
 skyscraper   standardised   steel   stone   timber   traditional   ugly  
 walls   well-designed

*Building materials*  
 (6 words / phrases)

*Aesthetic perception (how we feel about a building)*  
 (6 words / phrases)

*Types of building*  
 (4 words / phrases)

*Architectural style*  
 (6 words / phrases)

*Parts of a building*  
 (4 words / phrases)

*Features (that make the building easy to live or work in)*  
 (4 words / phrases)

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2 Complete these sentences with an appropriate word or phrase from A, B or C.

1. The building is ..... It's been ruined and abandoned for years.  
**A. destabilised**                      **B. derelict**                      **C. defunct**
2. She lives on a large housing ..... near the centre of the city.  
**A. estate**                      **B. state**                      **C. estuary**
3. There are several run-down districts inside the city where the housing is in a bad state, although most of these ..... are going to be replaced by high-rise apartments.  
**A. slumps**                      **B. scrums**                      **C. slums**
4. The city council are going to ..... the old church and built a new one in its place.  
**A. demobilise**                      **B. demote**                      **C. demolish**
5. You can't knock down that house; there's a ..... order on it which makes it illegal to destroy it.  
**A. preservation**                      **B. preservative**                      **C. presentable**
6. Sir Richard Rogers is the ..... who designed the Lloyds building in London.  
**A. architect**                      **B. architecture**                      **C. architectural**
7. Some of the problems in our ..... are drug related.  
**A. inter-cities**                      **B. internal cities**                      **C. inner cities**
8. The council hope to reduce crime in the town by introducing new ..... facilities so that people have something to do in the evening.  
**A. sociable**                      **B. socialist**                      **C. social**
9. The cinema is going to be closed for two months while the owners ..... it.  
**A. renovate**                      **B. remonstrate**                      **C. reiterate**
10. If you want to add an extension to your house, you will need ..... permission from your local council.  
**A. planning**                      **B. construction**                      **C. plotting**
11. In the US, the ground floor is called the ..... floor.  
**A. basement**                      **B. first**                      **C. bottom**
12. One way of creating more space in a house is to convert the ..... into an extra room.  
**A. attic**                      **B. ceiling**                      **C. roof**

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3 Complete this report with words and phrases from Exercises 1 and 2. In some cases, more than one answer is possible, and you will need to change the form of one of the words.

## *Report from the director of the West Twyford Town Planning Committee*

The last year has been a busy one for the West Twyford Town Planning Committee. Outlined below are a few of the areas we have concentrated on.

1. Applications for 1..... permission from home owners who want to develop their properties have increased by 50 per cent. However, many of these homes are historic buildings and have 2..... orders which prevent them from being altered externally. At present, we can only allow owners to 3..... the inside of their homes (including installing central heating and improved wall insulation).
2. Last summer we invited several 4..... to design plans for the new council offices on Peach Street. We eventually chose Barnard, Jackson and Willis, a local company. It was generally agreed that their design, which included a grey tinted 5..... 6..... at the front of the building, was the most aesthetically pleasing. They are currently in the process of laying the 7..... for the new building, which we understand is taking some time as the land must be drained first.
3. In response to a lot of complaints about the lack of 8..... facilities in the town, it was agreed at last month's meeting that funds should be set aside for the construction of a new sports centre and youth club.
4. Several 9..... buildings which have been ruined and abandoned for over five years are to be knocked down. In their place, a new housing 10..... will be built. This will provide 20 new homes within the next two years.
5. Everybody agrees that the new shops on the High Street are 11..... . It is certainly true that they are very ugly and out of keeping with the other buildings on the street. In future, we must ensure that all new buildings are built in a 12..... style so that they fit in with the older buildings around them.
6. There has been an increased crime rate in the 13..... to the east of the town. We plan to demolish these run-down areas within the next eight years and re-house the residents in new 14..... apartments in the Berkely Heath district.
7. In an attempt to help the environment, we are going to make the town hall more 15..... Windows will be double-glazed, walls and ceilings will be insulated and we will replace the current central heating system.

My next report will be in two months' time. Anybody wishing to discuss these issues can contact me on extension 287.

