

1 Label the pictures with the words in the box.

villa bungalow block of flats mansion cottage detached house terraced house semi-detached house



1 _____



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8 _____

2 Complete the text messages with the correct words in the box.

view rural ground floor end neighbourhood nursing home suburbs close lift
edge residents studio flat overlooks converted

1 Just seen a (1) _____ in town.
Can you come over and look at it again
with me? Small but cosy! And
(2) _____ to the Old Town.

3 You know that big old country house on the (6) _____
of Newbury? They've (7) _____ it into flats and I've got
a (8) _____ one! The (9) _____ is brilliant! My flat
(10) _____ the gardens and river. Come round for a visit.

2 Dan's moved out of the centre of town to
the (3) _____. He's got an (4) _____ of
a terrace in Keane's Road. It's just down from the shops.
Looks like a nice (5) _____ – no vandals or too
much noise! Party there on Saturday. Can you come?

4 Gran's finally moved into a (11) _____. She needs
looking after all the time. But it's really nice. Her room's
on the second floor but there's a (12) _____ for all
the (13) _____. It's in a (14) _____ area just
outside a small village. Let's go and visit her tomorrow.

COLLOCATIONS

EXTENDED

3 Choose the correct words to complete the adverts.
Then match three adverts with pictures A–C.

1 _____

Are you looking for somewhere modern and easy to **maintain / retain** when you're older? How about one of our new **old age / retirement** flats which are under **building / construction** in Long Road?

2 _____

Ideal for students at the local college – we are renting out two purpose-built **parts / bedsits** in our property in James' Court. Phone for an appointment to view.

3 _____

Got a young family and want a new house at an **affordable / economic** price? Check out the new two and three-bedroomed properties on the Hadley **Housing / Home** Estate.

4 _____

Looking for a challenge? We have some rather **bad condition / run-down** older houses in need of **renovation / renewal** at our auction on Wednesday. Come and make your **bid / bet** for a potential money-spinner.

5 _____

Here at Grantly's, we pride ourselves on looking after the elderly. We offer **covered / sheltered** accommodation for those who still want to live in their own homes but like the security of knowing there is help when they need it.

6 _____

House prices too high? Go for something much cheaper but with style – you'll find exactly what you want at our **movable / mobile** home park in Marchwood. Compact, but with all new **connections / mod cons**.

4 Complete the two sets of email directions with the correct words.

To: donna_s@mail.co

Well, it's a bit off the beaten (1) t — actually, it's in the (2) m of nowhere! But you'll love it because it's in the (3) h of the countryside and very (4) is. It's away from the (5) h and b of the city centre that you're used to. It's along a very narrow country (6) l that goes on for miles. Call if you get lost!

The new flat is great. We're in a very (7) ce location, within (8) w distance of all the local (9) am and just a (10) s throw from Jack's office. It's excellent. The public (11) t for getting about the area is excellent. You'll find us easily. If you park in the city centre car park, we're just (12) a s the road, (13) a the bookshop.

▶ Describing houses

5 Match the words in the box with definitions 1–6.

shed spare room hall porch attic cellar

- 1 We store things there that we don't need very often. We use a narrow ladder to get up there when we need to. _____
- 2 My dad likes to keep his wine there because it's nice and cool. _____
- 3 This is outside the entrance to our house so that people don't get wet at the front door. _____
- 4 When you come into the house, you hang your coat here. _____
- 5 Dad has this at the bottom of the garden. He repairs things there. _____
- 6 Our friends stay there when they come to visit. _____

COLLOCATIONS

9 Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentences.

- 1 My new bedroom was **spacious** / **eco-friendly** and had room for three beds at least!
- 2 When my sister got married, she and her husband bought a lot of **luxury** / **second-hand** furniture as they didn't have much money.
- 3 In winter it's very cold, so we've got **decorated** / **fitted** carpet in all the rooms.
- 4 Our next-door neighbour has a white cat that loves to sit on the small **brick** / **steel** wall outside our garden.
- 5 If you rent a(n) **busy** / **unfurnished** flat, you must bring your own furniture.
- 6 My bedroom is so **fully equipped** / **cluttered** at the moment. I really need to do some tidying.
- 7 Our living room is very **homely** / **good-looking**. It's small with some comfortable old furniture in it and a lovely open fire.
- 8 My gran's house has a **stone** / **comfortable** floor in the kitchen, which is easy to clean but very cold in the winter.

10 Complete the sentences with the correct words to make compound nouns.

- 1 The **bare** _____ in my bedroom make the room really cold for my feet. I wish I had a carpet or at least a rug.
- 2 All the windows are **double**-_____, which stops a lot of the noise from the traffic.
- 3 There's a _____ **alarm** with a punch-in code, which makes us feel a lot safer. Also, there's a _____ **alarm**, in case of fire, but we have to remember to replace the old batteries!
- 4 We need a **stair** _____ by the steps to the garden. They're steep and we don't want people to fall down them.
- 5 Most modern houses now have **solar** _____ in the roof.
- 6 My dad loves gardening. There are **flower** _____ all round our back lawn and he's built in a small **fish** _____ and a rockery by the patio.
- 7 Mum has **potted** _____ on all the **window** _____ and she prunes all the shrubs in the garden every year. She says she's got **green** _____.

11 Complete the email with the correct words in the box.

net frames hand rack oak shutters
utensils hoover ornaments mantelpiece
antique kettles bowls appliances

To: nick@mail.co
Subject: SALE

Hi! We're having a garage sale to get rid of all the stuff we don't need any more. There's everything from old electrical (1) _____ like (2) _____ for boiling water and an old (3) _____ to new things we've never even unpacked, like a lovely wooden (4) _____ for all your old copies of magazines. We'll be selling off kitchen (5) _____ and various (6) _____ that just used to sit on the (7) _____ and get dusty. Mum's getting rid of three fruit (8) _____, too (don't know why we've got three!), an (9) _____ clock with a broken (10) _____ and dad's selling a set of old (11) _____ that we used to have outside the windows. Oh, and some brand new (12) _____ curtains that mum's never used. A small bookcase from my room is going too - you know, the little (13) _____ one that I kept all my children's storybooks in. Do come round and help out! It'll be fun and a great chance to chat to all the neighbours. If we make a lot of money, mum's promised to buy me new silver (14) _____ for my favourite photos.

Starts at 10.30!

Love, Katy

12 Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives in the box.

**old-fashioned dusty stuffy well-maintained
open-plan cramped badly-decorated**

- 1 It's _____. The people have looked after it well.
- 2 It's been _____. We'll have to repaint and maybe even re-plaster.
- 3 It's _____. I like that because it makes the place very bright and airy.
- 4 It's a bit _____. Let's open some windows.
- 5 It's quite _____ in here. We'll have to do some cleaning.
- 6 The bedroom's a little _____. You can't get much furniture in here.
- 7 The decor is a bit _____. It needs modernising.