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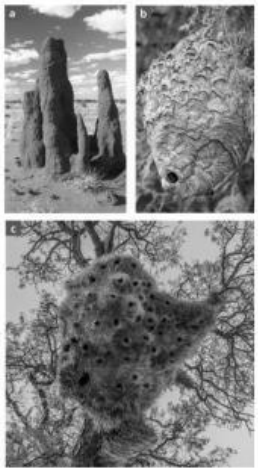
Reading

1 Read the article on page 25 quickly. Match the pictures of animal homes below (a–c) with the words (1–3).

1 a wasp home _____

2 a bird home _____

3 a termite home _____



Amazing animal homes

Humans are not the only animals who build interesting homes. There are many different kinds of animal homes in nature. Some of these homes are just as amazing as a human-made palace.



The sociable weaver

Many kinds of birds build small homes for their own eggs. Weavers are different. They build one big nest for many families. The weaver is a bird from southern Africa. It makes its nest with grass and wood, and the nests are always in trees. The home has many rooms—up to 400 birds can live in a single nest!



The termite

In Australia, Africa, and South America, you can see the amazing homes of termites. These homes are incredible because they are very tall. Termites are very small, so it's really amazing that they can make something so big. The termites use mud and wood to build their homes. The homes become a mega-city of termites. These "termite cities" can be 4.6 meters tall, and they are even bigger underground.

The wasp

The story of the wasp home is a bit sad—imagine having to build your home again every year! Wasps use small pieces of wood and plants to make their homes. They then slowly build a lot of little rooms. But the walls are very thin and the home doesn't last a long time, so every year the wasps need to start again and build a new home. You can see wasp homes in trees or next to buildings.



2 Read the article again. Match each part of the article (1–4) with its main idea (a–d).

1 Introductory paragraph _____

2 The sociable weaver _____

3 The termite _____

4 The wasp _____

a This home has a short life, and the animal builds a new home every year.

b This home is different because many families live there.

c Animals build very interesting homes.

d This home is interesting because small animals build it, but it is very tall.

3 Complete the chart. Check (✓) the correct boxes for each animal home.

	sociable weaver home	termite home	wasp home
1 The home is like a very big city.		✓	
2 The builders make it with wood.			
3 It has many rooms.			
4 It is in a tree.			

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Grammar

Present continuous

1 Circle the correct option to complete the conversations.

1 A: I'm on the phone.
B: Who *are you talking / do you talk* to?

2 A: Can I turn off the radio?
B: Yes. *I'm not listening / I don't listen* right now.

3 A: Where's Stefan?
B: *He's taking / He takes* a shower.

2 Complete the email with the present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

New Message

To: Gabriel Valderde

From: Carla Valderde

Subject: How are things at home?

Dear Gabriel,

It's day 65 of our voyage to Mars. I [1]_____ (write) to you from inside Habitat #1. We [2]_____ (work) hard. My colleague [3]_____ (cook) potatoes for lunch. I [4]_____ (feel) a bit tired, though. I [5]_____ (not sleep) very well here. The other scientists say it's because I watch too much TV.

What about you? What [6]_____ (you / do) these days? How is Dad? [7]_____ (he / feel) better? I hope he [8]_____ (enjoy) the summer weather back on Earth.

Lots of love,
Carla

3 Complete the questions (1–3). Use the present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Then write your own answers.

1 How _____ (you / feel) today?
I'm _____

2 _____ (you / listen) to music right now?
_____

3 What _____ (you / plan) to do today?
_____

Vocabulary

Home

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the words.

1 s_____f
2 g_____e
3 m_____r
4 l_____p
5 s_____s
6 c_____t







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2 4.2 Listen to the conversation. Is Francesca describing room A or room B?





3 4.2 Listen again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Francesca lives near the college. T F
2 Francesca has her own bedroom. T F
3 Francesca has a private bathroom. T F
4 Linh says that the room looks messy. T F

Grammar

There is / There are

Vacation home for rent near Cai Rang, Vietnam



Bedrooms 3 | Bathrooms 2 | Swimming pool ✖ | Garage ✔ | Shopping malls in the area ✖

1 Write five sentences about the vacation home in the advertisement above. Use ***there is/isn't, there are/aren't***.

1 *There are three bedrooms.*
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

2 Write questions with ***Is there / Are there ...?***

1 a bed? *Is there a bed?*
2 a carpet? _____
3 a mirror? _____
4 any books? _____
5 a computer? _____
6 any shelves? _____

3 Look around the room you are in now. Answer the questions in Exercise 2.

1 *Yes, there is. There is one bed.*
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____

Writing

1 Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–5) with the endings (a–e).

1 There's a kitchen, _____
2 It has three big bedrooms, _____
3 There's a train station nearby, _____
4 We have a garage, _____
5 We have a swimming pool, _____

a so you can park your car here.
b so you can swim every day.
c so you can cook your meals.
d so six people can sleep here.
e so you can get to the city center easily.

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