

# 5 Home sweet home

## Reading answering negative questions; multiple matching

### Fantastic treehouses

Treehouses are every child's dream. It is so much fun to go up a tree and be in a little area that's all your own. The view is amazing, of course! It is quiet, calm and relaxing and you can be near nature. It's also a great place to spend time with your friends. Here are some interesting treehouses around the world.

#### Between Alder and Oak, Osnabrück, Germany

This treehouse sits between two different types of trees, an alder tree and an oak tree, in a forest in the Osnabrück area of Germany. The two trees grew in a 'V' shape, so it was a perfect place to build a treehouse! It's not a very big house. It's only got one room. The room has got a bed, and there are windows in most of the walls. The ceiling is round – that's unusual – and it's got a small window in the top. It's a great place to sleep, read books and enjoy nature. There is also heating, so the treehouse is very warm in winter.



#### Tree Dragon, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan

A few years ago, the Japanese town of Higashi Matsushima asked a company to help them build a new school – a treehouse. This became the 'Tree Dragon'. The treehouse has got stairs that go up three levels, and there are classrooms on each one. The building company asked children in the town to help build it because they wanted the children to experience nature. They certainly did! After some time, the children knew the names of the birds, flowers and animals and the names of the trees around the forest.



#### The Alnwick Garden Treehouse, Northumberland, UK

The Alnwick Garden Treehouse is in a very large park in the town of Alnwick. Many people visit the treehouse because it's a very large, fun building with trees all around it. Visitors can't stay here, but anyone can walk around and see its rooms. It's got a great view of the area, and people can climb up very high and walk on small bridges near the treehouse. The bridges go through the trees and over roads. There is also a restaurant at the top of the treehouse with delicious meals for both adults and children and trees growing through the floor!



## 1 Read the Exam Reminder. How can we make a negative question easier to answer?

### Exam REMINDER

#### Answering negative questions

- In multiple-matching exam tasks the verb in the question is sometimes negative, e.g. *Which house hasn't got a garage?*
- To make sure you select the correct answer, change the negative question into a yes/no question, e.g. *Has (House A) got a garage?*
- If the answer to the question is yes, then the answer is **not** House A.

## 2 Now read the text and complete the Exam Task.

### Exam TASK

#### Multiple matching

For each question, choose the correct answer.

|                                                           | Between Alder and Oak | Tree Dragon | The Alnwick Garden Treehouse |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Which treehouse offers food for the whole family?       | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 2 Which treehouse is a good place to stay when it's cold? | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 3 Which treehouse is a place for learning?                | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 4 Which treehouse only has space for a few people?        | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 5 Which treehouse did young people help to build?         | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 6 Which treehouse has got a special kind of roof?         | A                     | B           | C                            |
| 7 Which treehouse is not for sale?                        | A                     | B           | C                            |