

OUR HOMES: NOW & THEN

Read the text and choose the correct word for each gap.

Everyone needs to have a place to call home where they can feel safe and sheltered. Whether they have bought their own (1) _____ or rent it, it matters very little. Our modern-day houses or apartments have air-conditioning to keep us cool, and heating to keep us warm. There is electricity for lighting and the use of several (2) _____, such as TVs and computers, and supplies of gas or heating oil for keeping us warm. Hot and cold water flows from the taps and dirty water (3) _____ down the drains. Many of our homes have balconies or gardens, as well.

In the past, people made their homes from (4) _____ that they found nearby. When we look at different houses we can tell how old they are (5) _____ on that and the way they were built. In the past people did not have running water in their homes and there were no electric lights. There was no (6) _____ heating, of course, so, to keep warm, they sometimes had to light a fire inside their homes. They would use the same fire to also cook their food and heat their water.

