

# 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.

