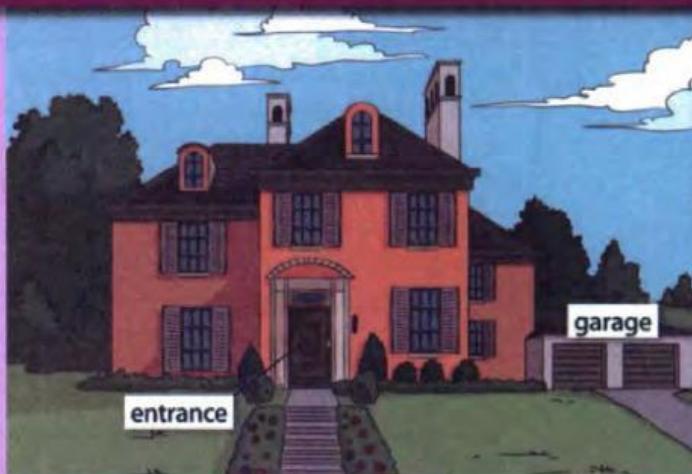


# 43 Buildings

## A A new home

My cousin has recently **moved** house to a **property** just outside Edinburgh. It is close to a famous, **historic** **cottage** and in a beautiful **setting** near the hills. The **entrance** to the house is very **impressive**. The hall leads **to** an enormous sitting room with high **ceilings** and big windows **facing** south, so it feels bright and open. Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, and two of them have **balconies** that look out **onto** the back garden. And a practical feature of the house is the huge **garage** for four cars.



### GLOSSARY

<b>move house</b>	go to live in a different house or area <b>move</b> <i>n</i> : <i>The move took us a whole week.</i>
<b>property</b>	a building, a piece of land, or both together
<b>historic</b>	famous and important in history
<b>cottage</b>	a small house, especially in the country
<b>setting</b>	the position sth is in
<b>impressive</b>	If sth is <b>impressive</b> , you admire it because it is very good, large or important.

<b>lead</b> <b>to</b> sth	go in a particular direction
<b>ceiling</b>	the top part of the inside of a room
<b>face</b>	be pointing or looking towards sth: <i>The kitchen faces west.</i>
<b>balcony</b>	a small platform on which you can stand or sit, just outside an upstairs window
<b>onto</b>	used to show that sth faces in a particular direction

1 Underline one sound in each pair of words which is the same. Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

► setting / ceiling

1 property / entrance

2 balcony / garage

3 cottage / jam

4 cottage / impressive

5 ceiling / lead

6 face / historic

2 Complete the dialogues.

► Has the flat got any outdoor space?

1 Where does that path go?

2 Does your aunt live in a big house?

3 Do you leave your car in the street at night?

4 Shall I meet you at the museum?

5 How long have you lived here?

6 You've got a huge balcony!

7 It's so dark in this part of the house.

8 Is the town old?

~ Yes, there's a balcony with some chairs on it.

~ It ..... to the river at the bottom of the garden.

~ No, it's a pretty little ..... in a village.

~ No, we put it in the ..... .

~ Yes, let's meet in the ..... .

~ Two years, but we're ..... house in the summer.

~ Yes, and it looks out ..... the countryside.

~ That's because it ..... north and gets no sun.

~ Yes, it has a number of ..... buildings that tourists visit.

3 Complete the questions.

► When did you last move house ..... ?

1 What kind of ..... do you live in?

2 Is it a ..... building?

3 Does it have high ..... in the main rooms?

4 Does it ..... a park, another building or something else?

5 What's the most ..... feature of your house?

6 Is it in an attractive ..... , e.g. near the countryside?

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4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 3, or tell another student.



## B Buildings in a town

## A new town for Condolanda

Planning has begun on a new, car-free town which the authorities plan to **locate** on **waste ground**, close to the Condolanda **power plant**. It will consist of houses, parks and public transport facilities, as well as public buildings such as a police station, a secondary school, **town hall**, etc. There will be **commercial** buildings including a **shopping mall**, **office blocks**, **retail stores** and a medical centre. There will also be a large area of modern **apartment blocks**, and **residents** will welcome the **addition** of a nearby **leisure centre**. The **heating** for all the buildings will come at low cost from the power plant.



## **GLOSSARY**

<b>locate</b>	put or build sth in a particular place	<b>retail store</b>	a shop selling goods to customers ( <b>retail</b> = selling goods)
<b>waste</b>	not used or not suitable for use: <i>waste ground</i>		
<b>power plant</b>	a building where electricity is produced	<b>resident</b>	a person who lives in a particular place
<b>town hall</b>	a large building for local government offices of a town or city	<b>addition</b>	sth or sb that is added to sth
<b>commercial</b>	connected with buying and selling things	<b>leisure centre</b>	a public building where people can go to do sports and other activities in their free time
<b>shopping mall</b>	a large building containing shops, restaurants, etc. ALSO <b>mall, shopping centre</b>	<b>heating</b>	a system for making rooms and buildings warm

## SPOTLIGHT *block*

**A block** is a big building with a lot of offices or flats inside.

- *an office block*
- *an apartment block*
- *a block of flats*

A **block** is also an area of buildings with streets all around it.

- We walked **round the block** to the nearest café.

5 Match words from A with words from B.

<b>A: town ✓</b>	block	waste	leisure	shopping	office	power	retail
<b>B: plant</b>	block	store	mall	of flats	ground hall ✓	centre	ground
► <u>town hall</u>							

6 Replace the underlined definitions with a word or phrase with the same meaning.

- We drove round the group of buildings with streets around them.
- 1 The supermarket group want to place ten new stores in city centres.
- 2 The property is not suitable for restaurant or retail use.
- 3 We met at the large indoor place with shops and restaurants.
- 4 The children's play area is a very welcome extra thing for the residents.
- 5 The people who live in the area should be told about the plans.
- 6 We live in an apartment building near the centre of town.
- 7 I bought the furniture in a shop near my family.
- 8 You get the application forms from the local government offices.
- 9 What kind of system for making the room warm do you have?

7 Complete the phrases and sentences.

## ABOUT YOU

1 Where you live, is there:  
a power plant ? a leisure ..... ? a lot of waste ..... ?  
a shopping ..... ? a town ..... ? a lot of retail ..... ?

2 Do you live, or have you ever lived, in an ..... block?

3 If so, how many other ..... are/were there in the block?

8 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers to Exercise 7, or tell another student.



## TEST YOURSELF