# 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**

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|---|---|---|---|
| **move house** | go to live in a different house or area **move** *n*: *The **move** took us a whole week.* | **lead to sth** | go in a particular direction |
| **property** | a building, a piece of land, or both together | **ceiling** | the top part of the inside of a room |
| **historic** | famous and important in history | **face** | be pointing or looking towards sth: *The kitchen **faces** west.* |
| **cottage** | a small house, especially in the country | **balcony** | a small platform on which you can stand or sit, just outside an upstairs window |
| **setting** | the position sth is in | **onto** | used to show that sth faces in a particular direction |
| **impressive** | If sth is **impressive**, you admire it because it is very good, large or important. | | |

**1 Underline one sound in each pair of words which is the same. Use the APP 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? ~ Yes, there's a balcony with some chairs on it.
1 Where does that path go? ~ It _____ to the river at the bottom of the garden.
2 Does your aunt live in a big house? ~ No, it's a pretty little _____ in a village.
3 Do you leave your car in the street at night? ~ No, we put it in the _____ .
4 Shall I meet you at the museum? ~ Yes, let's meet in the _____ .
5 How long have you lived here? ~ Two years, but we're _____ house in the summer.
6 You've got a huge balcony! ~ Yes, and it looks out _____ the countryside.
7 It's so dark in this part of the house. ~ That's because it _____ north and gets no sun.
8 Is the town old? ~ Yes, it has a number of _____ buildings that tourists visit.

**3 Complete the questions.**

ABOUT YOU

▶ 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?

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

TEST YOURSELF



LIVEWORKSHEETS

# 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**

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

**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.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **A:** town ✓ | block | waste | leisure | shopping | office | power | retail |
| **B:** plant | block | store | mall | of flats | ground hall ✓ | centre | ground |

▶ town hall ..... ..... .....

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**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. block

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