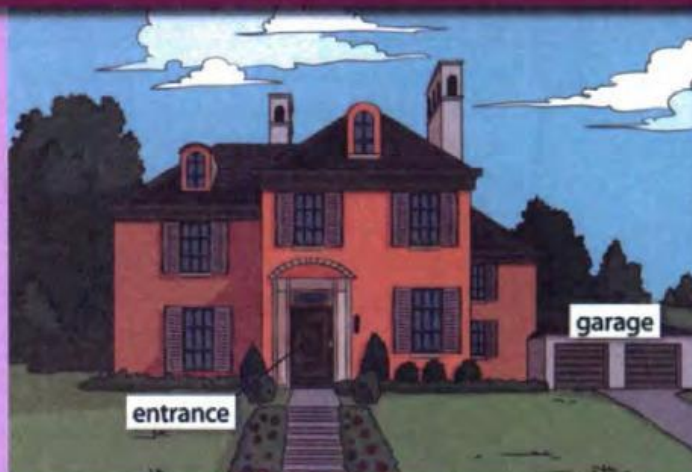


43 Buildings

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

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

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

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 leads to the river at the bottom of the garden.

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

~ No, we put it in the garage.

~ Yes, let's meet in the entrance.

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

~ Yes, and it looks out onto the countryside.

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

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

3 Complete the questions.

▶ When did you last move house?

1 What kind of property do you live in?

2 Is it a historic building?

3 Does it have high ceilings in the main rooms?

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

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

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

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



TEST YOURSELF

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.

A: town ✓ block waste leisure shopping office power retail

B: plant block store mall of flats ground hall ✓ centre ground

► town hall

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

7 Complete the phrases and sentences.

ABOUT YOU

- Where you live, is there:
a power plant ? a leisure _____ ? a lot of waste _____ ?
a shopping _____ ? a town _____ ? a lot of retail _____ ?
- Do you live, or have you ever lived, in an _____ block?
- 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