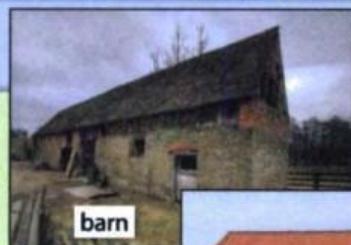


73 Old and new

A A barn conversion

Friends of mine converted an old barn that had formerly been used for domestic animals. They bought it for next to nothing, and were fortunate that parts of it were still quite well-preserved. They estimated they could convert the barn for about £200,000, but the council then made them modify their building plans so the original estimate turned out to be a bit optimistic. Nevertheless, they now have a magnificent contemporary four-bedroom home.



GLOSSARY

convert (sth) (into sth)	change from one form, system, or use into another conversion <i>n</i>	estimate	calculate the size, cost, etc. of sth approximately estimate <i>n</i>
formerly	in the past; before now former <i>adj</i>	modify	change sth slightly
domestic	(of animals) kept as pets or on a farm	turn out (to be sth)	prove to be
next to nothing	very little money, etc: <i>buy sth for next to nothing</i>	magnificent	extremely impressive and attractive SYN splendid
fortunate	lucky OPP unfortunate	contemporary	of the present time; modern
preserve	keep sth safe and in good condition: <i>a well-preserved 18th century table</i>		

1 Circle the odd one out based on the pronunciation of the underlined letters. Use the  to help you.

1 convert modify domestic
2 contemporary formerly fortunate
3 estimate v estimate n fortunate
4 convert preserve formerly

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word or phrase that keeps the same meaning.

1 They were not very lucky with that house.
2 It's a magnificent apartment.
3 It's a hotel now, but in the past it was a bank.
4 It's an old house but it's in good condition.
5 They've just bought a very modern house.
6 It was a small cottage, but it's been changed slightly over the years.
7 We thought it would be quite grand, but in the end it was rather small.
8 They have calculated they will need about £10,000.
9 It cost very little.
10 The barn is for our cows, sheep, etc. in the winter.

3 Complete the dialogues. More than one word may be correct.

1 The building used to be a prison, didn't it?
2 Did they throw out all the old furniture?
3 Is it an old cottage they've bought?
4 How big is it?
5 Are you keeping to your original plan?
6 The conversion is very impressive.
7 Do they want to keep all the old features in the house?
8 Are they keeping the barn as it is?

~ No, it's a hospital.
~ No, they thought it was worth
~ No, it's a barn
~ The agent it is about 300 square metres.
~ No, we've had to it a bit.
~ Oh yes, the house is really now.
~ No, they want something more
~ No, they're it into a music studio.



B Old and new objects



Innovative anti-snore device – clips onto sleeper's nose for a good night's sleep



Up-to-date guidebook to Korea – second-hand but good as new



Genuine antique grandfather clock. The 8-day **mechanism** is in perfect condition.



Reproduction of Ancient Egyptian statue of the goddess Bastet



Fully reconditioned exercise bike with original **packaging** and instructions

GLOSSARY

innovative	featuring or introducing new ideas, methods, etc.
device	an object or piece of equipment designed to do a particular job
clip	fasten sth with a clip (= a small object, usually of metal or plastic, used for holding things together, e.g. a paper clip , a hair clip)
up to date	having the most recent information: an up-to-date timetable OPP out of date
genuine	real, exactly what it appears to be SYN authentic
antique	old and often very valuable antique n
mechanism	a set of moving parts in a machine that does a certain task
reproduction	sth made as a copy of an earlier object or style reproduce v
ancient	belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years ago
reconditioned	(of a machine) repaired so that it is in good condition
packaging	materials used to wrap and protect goods sold in shops

SPOTLIGHT *second-hand* and *new*

If something is **second-hand**, it is not completely new. If something is completely new, we usually say **brand new**. **(As) good as new** can be used to describe something that is not new but appears to be.

4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write **S** or **D**. Use the to help you.

1 ancient antique 3 genuine device 5 antique authentic
2 mechanism reconditioned 4 genuine packaging 6 innovative reproduction

5 Complete the phrase in each sentence.

1 This email list is of date.
2 I need a paper for this document.
3 The sofa is as new.
4 The data is up to
5 My car is brand
6 I usually buy second- books.

6 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

1 A battery charger is an extremely useful energy-saving
2 It's a beautifully made, 18th century clock.
3 There were earrings like it thousands of years ago in Greece, and now they make of them and sell them in tourist shops.
4 We bought a second-hand hoover – it was fully and fantastic value.
5 I don't want a copy of the clock: I want a antique.
6 Shops often sell more goods if they're displayed in attractive
7 Our small factory antique dolls, and we sell them on the internet at a great profit.
8 They want the technology to be really to date, and they're awarding a prize for the most design.
9 This old clock has a very complex inside, but it still works perfectly.
10 If you the photo to your letter, then you can send the two together.



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