

# 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.



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### GLOSSARY

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

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

- 1 convert modify domestic
- 2 contempory 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? ~ No, it's a ..... hospital.
- 2 Did they throw out all the old furniture? ~ No, they thought it was worth .....
- 3 Is it an old cottage they've bought? ~ No, it's a barn .....
- 4 How big is it? ~ The agent ..... it is about 300 square metres.
- 5 Are you keeping to your original plan? ~ No, we've had to ..... it a bit.
- 6 The conversion is very impressive. ~ Oh yes, the house is really ..... now.
- 7 Do they want to keep all the old features in the house? ~ No, they want something more .....
- 8 Are they keeping the barn as it is? ~ No, they're ..... it into a music studio.



### TEST YOURSELF



## 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

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out of date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

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|--|---|--|
| 1 <u>a</u> ncient <u>a</u> ntique .....                    | 3 g <u>e</u> nuine d <u>e</u> vice .....                      | 5 <u>a</u> ntique <u>a</u> uthentic .....                                    |
| 2 m <u>e</u> chanism r <u>e</u> cond <u>i</u> tioned ..... | 4 g <u>e</u> nuine p <u>a</u> ck <u>a</u> g <u>i</u> ng ..... | 6 i <u>n</u> nov <u>a</u> tive r <u>e</u> pr <u>o</u> du <u>c</u> tion ..... |

- 5 Complete the phrase in each sentence.

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

- 6 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

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



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