

# Vocabulary and Grammar Test Unit 4

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## Vocabulary

### 1 Complete the compound adjectives.

- 1 semi-\_\_\_\_\_ house
- 2 open-\_\_\_\_\_ home
- 3 old-\_\_\_\_\_ home
- 4 modern-\_\_\_\_\_ family
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_-saving devices
- 6 two-\_\_\_\_\_ house

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 6

### 2 Match the words in exercise 3 to the comments below. There is one word that you do not need.

- 1 'The kitchen and living room are downstairs. The stairs take you upstairs where we have the bathroom and three bedrooms.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 'Our neighbours kids keep banging on the walls. It's so noisy!' \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 'Everything in my grandmother's house is from the 1950s.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 'I love my dishwasher, washing machine and dryer. They save me so much time.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 'Our kitchen, dining room and living room are all in one area. There are no walls or doors separating them.' \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 5

### 3 Replace the phrases in brackets with phrasal verbs in the correct form.

- 1 The people in this neighbourhood have big houses and expensive cars. They like to \_\_\_\_\_ (impress other people).
- 2 My mum \_\_\_\_\_ (cares for) her garden – she's very proud of it!
- 3 Before my parents bought our new house, they tried to \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) everything about the area.
- 4 My grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (became an adult) in a tiny house in the country.
- 5 My family's move to Australia \_\_\_\_\_ (caused) many problems.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 5

## Grammar

### 4 Complete the text with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in brackets.

<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (important) room in our house is the living room. Here is where our family spends most of our time together. It's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (big) room, and also <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (quiet), because it backs out on to the garden. It faces north, so it's a bit <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (dark) than the other rooms in the house, but that makes it <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) in the summer, because it doesn't get too hot. It's also <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) room of all of them. But my favourite room is my bedroom. It's much <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (small) than the living room, but it's also <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bright).

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 8

### 5 Rewrite sentence b so that it has a similar meaning to sentence a.

- 1 a My room is the same size as my sister's room.  
b My room \_\_\_\_\_ my sister's room.
- 2 a There aren't any houses smaller than our house in our street.  
b Our house is \_\_\_\_\_ in our street.
- 3 a This house is too expensive for us.  
b This house is not \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- 4 a The dishes aren't clean enough, so I need to wash them again.  
b The dishes are \_\_\_\_\_, so I need to wash them again.
- 5 a Our school is closer to our new house than it was to our old house.  
b Our new school isn't \_\_\_\_\_ to our old house.
- 6 a The streets around here are busier than the streets where we live.  
b The streets around here aren't \_\_\_\_\_ where we live.
- 7 a There is no other bed more comfortable than mine in our house.  
b My bed is \_\_\_\_\_ in our house.
- 8 a The bathroom is colder than other rooms in the house.  
b The bathroom is not \_\_\_\_\_ in the house.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 8

# Reading

## Strange buildings

### *The Shoe House*

Along the Lincoln Highway, near a small town in the state of Pennsylvania, you can see one of the strangest, funniest, most unusual buildings in the US. It's the Shoe House. It looks exactly like a gigantic shoe, but, at almost eight metres high, it's a lot bigger than any ordinary shoe or boot! These days, it's a museum and ice-cream shop but, unbelievably, it was once someone's home.

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, a boot and shoe manufacturer built the house in 1948 because he wanted a home that was also an advertisement for his business. He gave one of his boots to a local architect and said, 'Build me a house like this!' Fortunately, the architect knew exactly what to do, and designed a five-storey, three-bedroomed house. At first, the owner decided to make a home in his wonderful new building, but then he moved into another house - it wasn't comfortable or luxurious enough for a successful businessman!

After he left, he invited old people to stay in the house for luxury weekends. The people had a maid, a cook, and a driver to look after them! And everyone got a free pair of shoes when they left!

### *The Toilet-shaped House*

This is the weirdest house in South Korea. In 2007, the mayor of the city of Suwon decided to construct a two-storey mansion which looked exactly like an enormous toilet. And naturally there is a big hole in the top! It cost over a million dollars to build and is one of the most expensive homes in the city. It is also one of the best for the environment as the house has some of the world's best technology for saving water. It also has a roof-top balcony, and, of course, it has four of the most elegant bathrooms you can imagine, including a large, glass-walled bathroom right at the centre of the house.

The mayor didn't build the house to show off. He had a political reason for spending all that money on something so strange. The first important meeting of the World Toilet Association (or WTA) took place at the house, and both the mayor and the WTA wanted to bring attention to the fact that two billion people in the world don't have a toilet. Building a huge toilet in the shape of a house is a great way of doing that!

Following the death of the mayor, the house is now a museum and it teaches people about the history of toilets. And, if you think that's funny, wait until you hear the name of the house. In Korean, it's called Haewoojae. In English, that means 'a peaceful place where you don't have to worry about things'. Isn't that the perfect name for a house – and a toilet?!

**6 Read the text. Circle the correct answers (a–d).**

- 1 Where is the Shoe House?
  - a It's in the state of Pennsylvania.
  - b It's in the centre of a small town.
  - c It's not far from the city of Lincoln.
  - d It's just off the highway near a large town.
- 2 What do we find out about the boot manufacturer who first owned the Shoe House?
  - a He made and sold shoes and boots in the house.
  - b He didn't live in the house for very long.
  - c He built the house by himself.
  - d He loved living in his wonderful house.
- 3 What did the owner do after he left the Shoe House?
  - a He sold the Shoe House.
  - b He invited people to come and stay at the Shoe House.
  - c He made it into a museum and shop.
  - d He left the house empty.
- 4 What do we find out about the toilet house in South Korea?
  - a There aren't many bathrooms.
  - b It's got features which aren't good for the environment.
  - c The house has only got one floor – it's a very big bungalow.
  - d You can stand on the roof of the house.
- 5 Why did the mayor build the house?
  - a Because he wanted everyone to like him.
  - b Because he had an important message for the world.
  - c Because he wanted to build a toilet museum.
  - d Because he wanted to start a toilet organization.

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