

Listening

1  **UT Track 2** Listen to a radio interview with housing expert Valerie Richards and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Older houses in England are usually smaller than new houses. **T / F**
- 2 Floors made of wood are not common today in England. **T / F**
- 3 It is usually quicker to move into a recently built house. **T / F**
- 4 Terraced houses today have enough room for a car and a garden. **T / F**
- 5 The interviewer prefers older houses. **T / F**

2  **UT Track 2** Listen to the interview again. Choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Who is Michael Fletcher?
A a person who has recently moved house
B someone who listens to the radio show
C a housing expert
- 2 What does Valerie say about terraced houses?
A They are not as popular as they were.
B The garages are much smaller than in the past.
C There is less space outside them compared to in the past.
- 3 Why do people prefer new houses, according to Valerie?
A They are simpler to buy than old houses.
B It is easier to put wooden floors in them.
C There are many types to choose from.
- 4 What problem with old houses is mentioned?
A They can be expensive to repair.
B The doors are too big.
C They use a lot of electricity.
- 5 What house does the interviewer prefer?
A a terraced house in the city
B a flat with a romantic view
C a small detached house in the countryside

Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple or the past continuous.

- 1 I _____ (drop) my mobile while I _____ (cross) the road and a car drove over it!
- 2 While we _____ (study) history yesterday, I _____ (read) that most Roman houses were made of wood.
- 3 Last week we _____ (buy) some new furniture. When they brought it to the flat we _____ (realise) it was too big to go through the door!
- 4 Steve _____ (have) his lunch when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- 5 It's very annoying. I _____ (play) my new DVD and then it suddenly _____ (stop).

4 Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

- 1 Patty _____ to have a pet dog, but unfortunately it ran away.
- 2 When I was younger I _____ often play with wooden bricks at home.
- 3 Brendan _____ to clean the house, but now he tidies up every Saturday.
- 4 Jordi _____ to like watching tennis, but now he does.
- 5 The Romans _____ spend their time outside as much as possible.
- 6 When you were young, _____ have your own bedroom?
- 7 I never _____ visit my grandparents, but now I visit them often.
- 8 I remember my mother _____ always read a story to me before I went to sleep.
- 9 Kevin _____ sit at the table for meals, do you remember that? I think he does now.
- 10 _____ kick your football over the hedge?

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| 1 A used | B would | C use |
| 2 A used | B would | C would to |
| 3 A never use | B didn't used | C never used |
| 4 A used | B didn't used | C didn't use |
| 5 A would to | B used | C used to |
| 6 A did you use to | B did you used to | C would you |
| 7 A use to | B used to | C used |
| 8 A use to | B would | C used |
| 9 A would never | B used never to | C didn't used to |
| 10 A Used you to | B Would you used to | C Did you ever use to |

Reading

1

ROOMMATE WANTED

Looking for friendly, reliable girl to share big room. Fully furnished flat. Kitchen and living room shared with an English family but bathroom just for us. Contact me after 6 pm weekdays for more details.

2

Hi Mum and Dad,

Hope you are well. The accommodation is fine and the family I am staying with are very friendly. England isn't as cold as people say! First English class tomorrow. Wish me luck!

Barry

3

Hi George,

Help! I left my keys at school and I'm outside the house. It's cold! What time will you be home? Message me when you read this. Will be in the library until I hear from you.

Stef

4

To: Gary
From: Dave

Hi Gary!

I'm celebrating passing my driving test with some friends! Bring some drinks and I'll provide food. Mary's bringing her guitar. If you want to stay over I can put you up and drive you home in the morning.

Dave

5

Dear Ali and Bob,

Thanks for renting your flat to us. We broke one of your dishes when washing up. Sorry! Have left some money to pay for it. Also, we have left a present for you in the fridge!

5 Look at the texts and match them to the text types. There are two text types you do not need.

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| Text 1 _____ | a) a postcard |
| Text 2 _____ | b) an email |
| Text 3 _____ | c) a reminder |
| Text 4 _____ | d) a label |
| Text 5 _____ | e) an advert |
| | f) a note |
| | g) a text message |

6 For questions 1–5, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the texts.

- 1 The room
A doesn't need furniture.
B has a bathroom to share with the family.
C is in a big flat.
- 2 Why is Barry writing to his parents?
A to complain about the cold temperature
B to say that he is happy where he is staying
C to ask about the health of his parents
- 3 What is Stef's problem?
A She has left something at the library.
B She can't get into her house.
C She couldn't find George earlier.
- 4 Why is Dave contacting Gary?
A to ask him to play music
B to invite him to a celebration
C to ask him to bring food to Dave's party
- 5 Who wrote the message?
A some people working in the flat
B the people who clean Ali and Bob's flat
C visitors who paid to stay in the flat

Vocabulary

7 Complete the sentences with the correct alternative.

- 1 We can't see our neighbour's garden because they have a very tall **roof** / **hedge**.
- 2 We keep my old toys up in the **attic** / **ceiling**, but I don't often go up there because of the spiders!
- 3 My parents' bedroom has a small **hedge** / **balcony**. They use it in the summer.
- 4 My dad doesn't like us eating our dinner on the sofa and watching TV in the **living** / **dining** room.
- 5 Jane has posters on the **roof** / **ceiling** of her bedroom so she can look up at her favourite singer from her bed.
- 6 When his dad's car isn't there, Dave plays table tennis in the **garage** / **basement**.
- 7 I prefer to do my homework in the **balcony** / **study** because it is quieter than the living room.
- 8 My grandparents' house has a tall **attic** / **chimney** on the roof.

- 8** Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box. You may use each word more than once.

down | in | out | up

- 1 Max wants to do _____ his room and paint it in the colours of his football team.
- 2 I'm very excited about our new house! We're moving _____ next week.
- 3 The local council have started pulling _____ old flats to build new ones.
- 4 When I was in London, my friend Colin put me _____ for a couple of days.
- 5 My aunt is renting _____ her second flat to tourists during the summer.
- 6 When Ian changed schools, it was a long time before he settled _____ and made new friends.
- 7 Before visitors come over, we all have to tidy _____ the house.

- 9** If a word in **bold** is correct, put a tick. If it's incorrect, rewrite it correctly.

- 1 Look! It's very cloudy. I don't think it's worth **go** to the beach. _____
- 2 Jake isn't very keen **in** playing video games. He prefers playing sport. _____
- 3 When we moved into our new house my dad made me **help** him tidy the garage. _____
- 4 My uncle stopped me **to** going into the attic because he said there was a mouse there! _____
- 5 The guide told us not to **touch** the exhibits in the museum. _____

Language in Use

12 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the prompt and no more than two other words.

- 1 Jenna's family have moved house because their old house was too far away from her school.
Jenna's family have moved house because their old house was _____ (**close**) to her school.
- 2 Her new house has a garden so big that she can play tennis in it.
The garden in her new house _____ (**big**) for her to play tennis in.
- 3 Jenna's new school is close enough for her to walk there in five minutes.
Jenna's new school is _____ (**close**) that she can walk there in five minutes.
- 4 Moving house was such a difficult thing that it took all weekend.
Moving house was _____ (**difficult**) that it took all weekend.
- 5 It took so long that they didn't have enough time to put the furniture in Jenna's room.
It took _____ (**long**) for them to have time to put the furniture in Jenna's room.
- 6 Now Jenna is unhappy because her new bedroom is too small for her old desk.
Now Jenna is unhappy because her new bedroom isn't _____ (**big**) for her old desk.
- 7 In fact, her desk is so large that it won't fit through the door.
In fact, it's _____ (**large**) desk that it won't fit through the door.
- 8 Jenna needs a desk that is big enough for her to do her homework on.
Jenna needs a desk that isn't _____ (**small**) for her to do her homework on.
- 9 Her little sister Emma has such a lot of toys that some will have to go in the attic.
Her little sister Emma has _____ (**many**) toys that some will have to go in the attic.
- 10 Jenna is sure that the attic has all the space necessary for Emma's toys.
Jenna is sure there is _____ (**space**) in the attic for Emma's toys.