

Vocabulary

1 Complete the email with the words below.

bookcase patio peaceful solar panels spacious stairs

Hi Brittany,

We've finally arrived in our new house! It took us ages to put all our things into boxes before the removals van arrived, and even longer to drive to our new place. So we're all really tired, but happy. It's really quiet and ¹ _____ here because our new place is a farmhouse in the countryside – from my bedroom window I can see horses in a field! The house is big and ² _____ too – there are six bedrooms on three floors, so you have to climb a lot of ³ _____ !

Our new house has got a really big garden outside, with a green lawn, a stone ⁴ _____ and beautiful flower beds with lots of flowers in them. The house is old, but it was renovated a few years ago, so now it's very modern inside. There are even ⁵ _____ on the roof to make our electricity.

I've got a really nice big room. I don't want to put lots of furniture in it, but I've got a desk, a wardrobe for my clothes and a tall ⁶ _____ for all my novels and DVDs. Anyway, I must go now. I'm still tidying my room, and it looks a mess!

Rudy

2 Match the quotes with the words below.

fridge lamp pillow rubbish dump shipping containers skyscraper

- 1 Can you give me one of those to put my head on? _____
- 2 We don't need any of this stuff and it's old and broken. _____
- 3 I can't see anything in the dark – can you switch it on again? _____
- 4 I've just had a look inside, and there's no milk. _____
- 5 Look – that's the tallest building in New York. _____
- 6 People used to transport products in these, but now we're using them to make a house. _____

3 Match the parts of the sentences.

- 1 Are you going to Paris on holiday? You'll ☐
- 2 Has anyone got Jason's phone number? I ☐
- 3 We haven't finished painting the house yet, but we're ☐
- 4 I've worked very hard this week, so this weekend I'm ☐
- 5 Stop laughing and help me to pack these boxes. You ☐
- 6 Kathy's quite good at judo. She ☐
- 7 I'm sorry, but you can't just walk in and see the doctor. You ☐
- 8 Before we left our old house for the last time, ☐

- A going to take it easy.
- B my dad took some photographs to remember it.
- C have the time of your life there.
- D did it for a few years, but she's stopped now.
- E don't take anything seriously.
- F want to get in touch with him.
- G going to make a big effort to do it this weekend.
- H have to make an appointment.

Listening

4 4 Listen and choose the correct answers.

- 1 What will Jenny miss most about her old home?
 - A the garden
 - B her bedroom
 - C the sports centre across the road
- 2 What can you do at Chedworth Roman Villa?
 - A buy souvenirs
 - B go inside the villa
 - C stay the night
- 3 Who is the speaker?
 - A an artist
 - B an architect
 - C a TV presenter
- 4 What are the speakers doing?
 - A A girl is visiting a friend's house.
 - B A guide is showing people around a house.
 - C A designer is talking to the owner of a house.
- 5 Which rooms have a great view of the sea?
 - A the hall and the kitchen
 - B the bedroom and the living room
 - C the living room and the kitchen

Reading

5 Read the texts and match them with statements 1–5. There is one text which matches two statements.

A *Girl On the Move*, by Sally Coldwell

Girl On the Move is an emotional novel about the life of Destiny Jones. Destiny and her parents live in a mobile home, and they move around the country, looking for work. But many people don't want 'travellers' to move into their village or onto their farm. One day, Destiny meets a boy, and for the first time, she begins to question her life on the road. What would it be like if she could stay in one place? Soon, Destiny begins to dream of a better, more ordinary life. But her parents and a local farmer have different ideas.

B *Home Maker: All the Secrets*, by Fiona and Scott Bradley

Following the highly-successful TV series *Home Maker*, husband and wife team Fiona and Scott Bradley have found time to produce a great book. Just like the TV series, the book is full of useful, easy-to-follow ideas, and simple building projects. Learn how to repair and decorate old furniture, how to change your garage into the brightest, most comfortable room in your house and many more great ideas. So if you would like a home to be proud of, this is the book for you.

C *The History of your Home*, by Michael Fossepath

The History of your Home is full of interesting – and sometimes crazy – facts about houses in Britain. Did you know that a thousand years ago, most houses in Britain had only one room? People cooked, ate and slept in it. There was no privacy at all, and no bathroom either. If you wanted to wash, you went to a bath house in the city – or jumped in the local river! Fossepath's amusing book also looks at how houses have changed the English language. For example, we say 'full board' to talk about a hotel room with meals because the earliest dining tables were actually 'boards' – pieces of wood to put on your knees.

D *The House of Broken Lives*, by Tamara Vale

When Josh and Katie Alder see a beautiful house for sale in Pacific Grove, they buy it immediately. It might be a little dilapidated, but it would look much better if they painted it and tidied the garden. And after all, it's a big house with a great view, at a very good price. But soon after buying the house, they learn the shocking truth about what happened there one hot August night in 1992. They also begin to hear strange sounds upstairs. Someone – or something – is living in their house. And it wishes they would leave.

In this book, you can read about

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| 1 easy ways to make things. | ☐ |
| 2 how some words entered the English language. | ☐ |
| 3 frightening events in a house. | ☐ |
| 4 the life of a teenage girl. | ☐ |
| 5 how to change a place in your home. | ☐ |

