

1 Label the pictures with the words in the box.

villa bungalow block of flats mansion cottage detached house terraced house semi-detached house



1 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_



7 \_\_\_\_\_



8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Complete the text messages with the correct words in the box.

view rural ground floor end neighbourhood nursing home suburbs close lift  
edge residents studio flat overlooks converted

1 Just seen a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in town.  
Can you come over and look at it again  
with me? Small but cosy! And  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Old Town.

3 You know that big old country house on the (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
of Newbury? They've (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it into flats and I've got  
a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ one! The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is brilliant! My flat  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ the gardens and river. Come round for a visit.

2 Dan's moved out of the centre of town to  
the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He's got an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of  
a terrace in Keane's Road. It's just down from the shops.  
Looks like a nice (5) \_\_\_\_\_ – no vandals or too  
much noise! Party there on Saturday. Can you come?

4 Gran's finally moved into a (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She needs  
looking after all the time. But it's really nice. Her room's  
on the second floor but there's a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for all  
the (13) \_\_\_\_\_. It's in a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ area just  
outside a small village. Let's go and visit her tomorrow.

**COLLOCATIONS****EXTENDED**

3 Choose the correct words to complete the adverts.  
Then match three adverts with pictures A–C.

1

Are you looking for somewhere modern and easy to maintain / retain when you're older? How about one of our new old age / retirement flats which are under building / construction in Long Road?

2

Ideal for students at the local college – we are renting out two purpose-built parts / bedsits in our property in James' Court. Phone for an appointment to view.

3

Got a young family and want a new house at an affordable / economic price? Check out the new two and three-bedroomed properties on the Hadley Housing / Home Estate.

4

Looking for a challenge? We have some rather bad condition / run-down older houses in need of renovation / renewal at our auction on Wednesday. Come and make your bid / bet for a potential money-spinner.

5

Here at Grantly's, we pride ourselves on looking after the elderly. We offer covered / sheltered accommodation for those who still want to live in their own homes but like the security of knowing there is help when they need it.

6

House prices too high? Go for something much cheaper but with style – you'll find exactly what you want at our movable / mobile home park in Marchwood. Compact, but with all new connections / mod cons.

**4 Complete the two sets of email directions with the correct words.**

To: donna\_s@mail.co

Well, it's a bit off the beaten (1) **t** – actually, it's in the (2) **m** of nowhere! But you'll love it because it's in the (3) **h** of the countryside and very (4) **is**. It's away from the (5) **h** and **b** of the city centre that you're used to. It's along a very narrow country (6) **l** that goes on for miles. Call if you get lost!

The new flat is great. We're in a very (7) **ce** location, within (8) **w** distance of all the local (9) **am** and just a (10) **s** throw from Jack's office. It's excellent. The public (11) **t** for getting about the area is excellent. You'll find us easily. If you park in the city centre car park, we're just (12) **a** **s** the road, (13) **a** the bookshop.

## ► Describing houses

### 5 Match the words in the box with definitions 1–6.

**shed** **spare room** **hall** **porch** **attic** **cellar**

- 1 We store things there that we don't need very often.  
We use a narrow ladder to get up there when we  
need to. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 My dad likes to keep his wine there because it's nice and  
cool. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 This is outside the entrance to our house so that people  
don't get wet at the front door. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 When you come into the house, you hang your coat  
here. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Dad has this at the bottom of the garden. He repairs  
things there. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Our friends stay there when they come to visit. \_\_\_\_\_

**9 Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentences.**

- 1 My new bedroom was **spacious** / **eco-friendly** and had room for three beds at least!
- 2 When my sister got married, she and her husband bought a lot of **luxury** / **second-hand** furniture as they didn't have much money.
- 3 In winter it's very cold, so we've got **decorated** / **fitted** carpet in all the rooms.
- 4 Our next-door neighbour has a white cat that loves to sit on the small **brick** / **steel** wall outside our garden.
- 5 If you rent a(n) **busy** / **unfurnished** flat, you must bring your own furniture.
- 6 My bedroom is so **fully equipped** / **cluttered** at the moment. I really need to do some tidying.
- 7 Our living room is very **homely** / **good-looking**. It's small with some comfortable old furniture in it and a lovely open fire.
- 8 My gran's house has a **stone** / **comfortable** floor in the kitchen, which is easy to clean but very cold in the winter.

**10** Complete the sentences with the correct words to make compound nouns.

- 1 The bare \_\_\_\_\_ in my bedroom make the room really cold for my feet. I wish I had a carpet or at least a rug.
- 2 All the windows are **double**-\_\_\_\_\_, which stops a lot of the noise from the traffic.
- 3 There's a \_\_\_\_\_ **alarm** with a punch-in code, which makes us feel a lot safer. Also, there's a \_\_\_\_\_ **alarm**, in case of fire, but we have to remember to replace the old batteries!
- 4 We need a **stair** \_\_\_\_\_ by the steps to the garden. They're steep and we don't want people to fall down them.
- 5 Most modern houses now have **solar** \_\_\_\_\_ in the roof.
- 6 My dad loves gardening. There are flower \_\_\_\_\_ all round our back lawn and he's built in a small **fish** \_\_\_\_\_ and a rockery by the patio.
- 7 Mum has **potted** \_\_\_\_\_ on all the **window** \_\_\_\_\_ and she prunes all the shrubs in the garden every year. She says she's got green \_\_\_\_\_.

11 Complete the email with the correct words in the box.

net frames hand rack oak shutters  
utensils hoover ornaments mantelpiece  
antique kettles bowls appliances

To: nick@mail.co  
Subject: SALE

Hi! We're having a garage sale to get rid of all the stuff we don't need any more. There's everything from old electrical (1) \_\_\_\_\_ like (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for boiling water and an old (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to new things we've never even unpacked, like a lovely wooden (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for all your old copies of magazines. We'll be selling off kitchen (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and various (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that just used to sit on the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and get dusty. Mum's getting rid of three fruit (8) \_\_\_\_\_, too (don't know why we've got three!), an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ clock with a broken (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and dad's selling a set of old (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that we used to have outside the windows. Oh, and some brand new (12) \_\_\_\_\_ curtains that mum's never used. A small bookcase from my room is going too - you know, the little (13) \_\_\_\_\_ one that I kept all my children's storybooks in. Do come round and help out! It'll be fun and a great chance to chat to all the neighbours. If we make a lot of money, mum's promised to buy me new silver (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for my favourite photos.

Starts at 10.30!

Love, Katy

**12 Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives in the box.**

**old-fashioned    dusty    stuffy    well-maintained  
open-plan    cramped    badly-decorated**

- 1 It's \_\_\_\_\_. The people have looked after it well.
- 2 It's been \_\_\_\_\_. We'll have to repaint and maybe even re-plaster.
- 3 It's \_\_\_\_\_. I like that because it makes the place very bright and airy.
- 4 It's a bit \_\_\_\_\_. Let's open some windows.
- 5 It's quite \_\_\_\_\_ in here. We'll have to do some cleaning.
- 6 The bedroom's a little \_\_\_\_\_. You can't get much furniture in here.
- 7 The decor is a bit \_\_\_\_\_. It needs modernising.