



## • Reading

**AUSTIN HAY**

Have you ever wished you had your own place? That's exactly how American teenager Austin Hay felt - before he built his own house, at the age of sixteen. Using materials which mostly came from recycling centres, he constructed his own home. It's got everything he needs, including a kitchen, a bathroom (with shower), a bedroom and a toilet. The house, which is only about 40 square metres, is one of the world's smallest houses. It's unusual for another reason too - it's built on wheels, so Austin can take it with him wherever he goes. He did most of the work himself although he had some help from his father and family friends. The whole thing took less than two years.

As soon as the house was finished, Austin held the smallest party ever. Then he moved in, and he's lived there ever since. He likes the independence, and he likes 'living small', he says, because it's cheap and green. At the moment, the house is parked in his parents' garden. However, when he leaves school and goes to university, he won't leave it behind. He's going to take it with him, and live in it while he studies. Then when he gets a job, he plans to take his little house with him once more.

**1) Decide if the sentences are R ('Right'), W ('Wrong') or DS ('Doesn't say').**

1. Austin's house is in a park near his parents' home at the moment.
2. Austin is able to move his house wherever he wishes.
3. Austin's family and friends all wanted to come to his party.
4. Austin hopes to live in a bigger house once he starts earning some money.
5. Austin believes he's saving money by living in his house.

## • Vocabulary

**1) Choose the correct option**

1. A **bungalow** / **flat** / **semi-detached** is a house which is all on one level
2. It's cold – switch on the **cooker** / **central heating** / **electricity** to get the house warm.
3. It's a nice evening, so let's have dinner on the **patio** / **bed** / **path**.
4. Can you put all the food away in the kitchen **bookcase** / **shelf** / **cupboard**?
5. I'm going to **make a mess** / **make a complaint** / **make a decision** about this phone – it doesn't work!

2) Complete the sentences with words in the box.

**FLAT - WOOD-BURNER - MESS - PORCH -  
SUBURBS**

1. Don't make a \_\_\_\_\_ in this room – I've just tidied it!
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an accommodation that's usually in a block.
3. Now I live with my family in the \_\_\_\_\_, but when I'm older, I want to live in the city centre.
4. Sue decided to change the old gas fire for a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the front of our house is made of glass. It's a great place for growing tomatoes.

• Grammar

1) Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*. DON'T use contractions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the same house \_\_\_\_\_ he was born?
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) this phone \_\_\_\_\_ ages – I want a new one!
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here \_\_\_\_\_ ten o'clock this morning.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) our friend Mark \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) anything

2) Choose the correct answers.

1. I **will cook / am cooking / am going to cook** a big meal for everyone tonight. Would you like to come?
2. Are you cold? I **will close / am closing / am going to close** the window if you want.
3. My dad **will fly / is flying / is going to fly** to Japan at 4 p.m. tomorrow.
4. I've got a busy day tomorrow, so I **will finish / am finishing / am going to finish** my Maths homework tonight.
5. There's no bread! I **will go / am going / am going to go** and buy some.

2) Complete the messages with the most appropriate future forms of the verbs in brackets. DON'T use contractions.

**Jack:** What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at the weekend?

**Ryan** I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema with Stephanie. Would you like to come?

**Jack:** Yes, that would be great. I \_\_\_\_\_ (borrow) my dad's car.

**Ryan** OK, good idea. We \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at Stephie's house this evening at 9 o'clock to make a plan.

**Jack** OK, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there.

