VOCABULARY

1 Complete the chart by putting the words in one of the three categories.

basement	block of flats	landing	porch	terraced house	cottage
bungalow	remote control	table mat	attic	vacuum cleaner	rubbish bin
curtains	detached house	cooker	oven	electric meter	wardrobe
nursery	towel-rack	dishwasher	villa	ground floor	ironing board
semi-detached house					

Types of houses	
Parts of a house	
Things in a house	

2 Fill in the gaps with the words from the box to form compound nouns.

door *home* *book* *agent* *room* *stand* *window* *hair* *house*

1 travel ....*agent*.....
news ....*agent*.....
estate ....*agent*.....

2 dining .....
changing .....
living .....

3 ..... coat
..... wife
..... warming

4 telephone .....
cookery .....
note .....

5 ..... drier
..... dresser
..... brush

6 ..... sill
..... pane
..... shopping

7 flower .....
hall .....
umbrella .....

8 ..... bell
..... handle
..... man

9 ..... land
..... economics
..... work

3 Make the opposites of the adjectives by using the prefix *un-* or the suffix *-less*. Then fill in the gaps with the most suitable word.

airy - *airless*..... practical - ..... useful - ..... tidy - .....
colourful - ..... tasteful - ..... spacious - ..... crowded - .....

1 I find an electric fan very ..... to have at home when the heat outside is incredible.
2 Pale carpets are ..... if you have kids.
3 A(n) ..... room doesn't have enough fresh air.
4 What a(n) ..... room; the books and things are scattered everywhere.
5 The ..... curtains in my room attract everybody's attention.
6 It was an ugly room with ..... decorations and shabby furniture.
7 We have just moved to a new apartment as it is more ..... than the previous one.
8 The room was so ..... with different pieces of old furniture that it was impossible to breathe.

4 Find the missing words to complete the passage.

Our house is not very large, but it is (1) c_____ and well planned. It is a small two-storyed (2) d_____ house. In front of the house there is a green (3) l___ and a lot of flowers. Behind it there is a little (4) o_____ with a few fruit trees in it. On the (5) g_____ floor there is a (6) k_____, a pantry, a dining-room, a (7) c___ sitting-room and my father's (8) s____. There are several rooms (9) u_____ on the first floor: my parents' (10) b_____, Grandmother's room, which is also my little brother's (11) n_____, my room and a (12) b_____. The (13) f_____ is modern and quite new. But my father says he has to pay a lot of money for the house, (14) h_____, gas and (15) e_____.

5 Match the beginnings of the sentences with their endings.

1 George redecorated his room with flowery wallpaper	a) with woods, fields and a small river.
2 She furnished the rooms with what she had already owned	b) only a shower and a basin, but he didn't mind.
3 The old couple decided to buy a bungalow	c) because they both had difficulty climbing stairs.
4 My family has lived in this farmhouse for years	d) which had been rebuilt and turned into a modern house.
5 My home town is surrounded by lovely countryside	e) and the flat felt damp and chilly.
6 There's a knock at the door.	f) and painted the floor light brown.
7 Their house was an old farm building,	g) I always take the lift.
8 Peter's bathroom didn't have a bath,	h) because she couldn't afford to buy new furniture.
9 It had been raining for a week,	i) and we have always raised horses here too.
10 I live on the 25th floor of a block of flats so	j) Can you see who it is?

6 Complete the conversations with the words given on the right.

1 A: Good morning. I'm Jack Green. I've come to see the [1]..... .
B: Come in and have a look, please. It's the one [2]..... mine.
A: Are you a [3]..... here too?
B: Yes, I've been [4]..... from Mrs Kent for three years.
A: Is Mrs Kent the [5]..... here?
B: Yes, she's very kind and friendly.

renting
landlady
room
tenant
next to

2 A: You look happy, Jane.
B: Yes, we're going to [6]..... to our new house next week.
A: Have you signed the [7]..... ?
B: Yes, and I'm going to pick up the [8]..... from the [9]..... tomorrow.

estate agent
move in
keys
contract

3 A: What is your [10]..... like?
B: It's not too bad. There's a fairly large sink and the cooker next to it, [11]..... .
A: Is there a washing machine?
B: Yes, [12]..... the stairs. And there's a freezer, too, [13]..... of the fridge.
A: Lots of [14]..... to put things!
B: Oh, enough, I think. And there are shelves [15]..... the cooker. And there's a round table [16]..... of the kitchen, with four chairs, to eat [17]..... . I think there's a cupboard on the floor [18]..... the table and the cooker.

at
on the right
on top
in the middle
space
under
between
kitchen
over