



1 Underline the most suitable word.

- a) As you can see, the garden has two ornamental iron *doors/gates* and there is a stone *path/pavement* leading to the house.
- b) This is the front *entry/entrance*, but there is another door at the *edge/side* of the house.
- c) All the rooms have *covered/fitted* carpets.
- d) All the *cupboards/wardrobes* in the kitchen and the *bookshelves/library* in the living room are included in the price.
- e) There is a beautiful stone *chimney/fireplace* in the living room, and there are *sinks/washbasins* in all the bedrooms.
- f) At the top of the *stairs/steps* there is a *coloured/stained* glass window.
- g) The bathroom has a *shower/washer* and modern mixer *pipes/taps*.
- h) At the top of the house there is a/an *attic/cellar* and the garden contains a *glasshouse/greenhouse* and a garden *hut/shed*.
- i) There is a wooden *fence/wall* on one side of the garden, and a *bush/hedge* on the other.
- j) This is a fine *single/detached* house in a quiet *neighbourhood/suburb*.

2 Match the words in the box with a suitable explanation (a-l). Not all words given are possible.

curtains	drive	parking	shelf	central heating	dishwasher
furniture	radiator	stool	cook	doormat	landing
rug	door knocker	letterbox	settee/sofa		

- a) Rectangular hole in the front door. . . . **letterbox**...
- b) Long narrow rectangular piece of wood or metal fixed to the wall.
- c) Short road between the street and a house or its garage.....
- d) Use this if you want someone to open the front door.....
- e) Put the dirty dishes in this.....
- f) This system makes the house warm.....
- g) A small carpet.....
- h) More than one person can sit on this.....
- i) An area at the top of some stairs.....
- j) Wipe your feet on this before you enter the house.....
- k) Pull these to cover the windows.....
- l) Small seat without back or arms.....

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- 3 Complete each sentence (a-j) with a suitable ending (1-10) so that the meaning of the word in *italics* is clear. Use each ending only once.

- a) I would prefer to live in a *cottage*.....6.....
 - b) The shopping centre has a *multi-storey car park*.....
 - c) My grandmother bought a *bungalow*.....
 - d) Jenny lives in a small *flat*.....
 - e) This street is only for *pedestrians*.....
 - f) Helen and John live in a *square*.....
 - g) Peter has moved to a London *suburb*.....
 - h) This village is surrounded by lovely *countryside*.....
 - i) Sue's new house is *unfurnished*.....
 - j) My house is *semi-detached*.....
- 1 on the third floor of a modern block.
 - 2 and he commutes to work in the centre.
 - 3 with room for over 2000 vehicles.
 - 4 but the rent is so high that she cannot afford much furniture.
 - 5 which has a beautiful garden in the middle.
 - 6 in a small village in the country.
 - 7 and the neighbours often bang on the wall.
 - 8 because she had difficulty climbing stairs.
 - 9 with fields, woods, streams and a small lake.
 - 10 and cars and lorries are not allowed.

- 4 Complete each sentence with the words *home*, *house* or a word formed from one of these words.

- a) The old couple decided to live in an old people's *home*
- b) Jane can't stand washing and ironing and other
- c) Graham bought a terraced in a quiet city street.
- d) Many people sleep on the streets of London.
- e) Jack was unable to look after his children so he employed a
- f) I come from Newcastle. It's my town, you could say.
- g) Paul used to live on the river on a boat.
- h) When I went to boarding school I felt very sick at first.
- i) Our first home was on the estate on Oakwood Hill.
- j) Pour yourself a drink and make yourself at

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- 5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.
- The view from the skyscraper..... **D**.....over New York harbour.
A) shows up B) sees about C) stands up D) looks out
 - The old houses opposite are going to be.....
A) broken down B) knocked down C) put down D) taken down
 -! You're about to push the wheelbarrow over my foot!
A) hang up B) stop off C) get away D) look out
 - Please.....the rubbish because the dustman is coming tomorrow.
A) take in B) make up C) put out D) tie down
 - Please come and unblock our drains! I'myou!
A) doing without B) counting on C) seeing to D) waiting for
 - I can't put these plants in pots. I've.....earth.
A) run out of B) put up with C) given up D) come up with
 - We.....through the window by climbing up a ladder.
A) fell out B) got in C) ended up D) set off
 - I've been planting trees all day and I'm.....
A) worn out B) taken in C) run down D) grown up

- 6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

A house in the country

When Ann decided to move house, it was mainly because she was tired of the (1) **neighbourhood** ... she live in. **NEIGHBOUR**
crowded, there was a (2).....of parking places, and **SHORT**
the view from her (3).....windows was of distant **STAIRS**
factory chimneys. Luckily she arranged the (4).....**SELL**
of her house very easily, and with a small (5).....from **LEND**
the bank, was able to buy a house in the country. It was an
old farm building, which had been (6).....and turned into **BUILD**
a modern house. After loading all her belongings in a van,
Ann managed to get them into the new house (7).....**DAMAGE**
She (8).....most of the rooms with what she already **FURNITURE**
owned. Even her curtains were the right (9).....for the **LONG**
windows and she only had to buy a new (10).....for **COOK**
the kitchen. It seemed too good to be true. Surely something
would go wrong!

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7 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- a) Laura was sitting beside the fire in a comfortable armchair/sofa.
- b) We drove out of the village along a winding lane/path.
- c) Steve redecorated his room with flowery posters/wallpaper.
- d) Put the meat in the cooker/oven for two hours.
- e) These plums are ripe. They need picking/picking up.
- f) Peter was in the garden mowing the flowers/lawn.
- g) We used to keep the coal downstairs in the cave/cellar.
- h) Why don't you put the car in the car park/parking?
- i) Kate lives in a flat on the first floor/storey.
- j) Put your wet socks on the central heating/radiator to dry.
- k) Let's take the runway/motorway, we'll get there faster.
- l) Go and get the lawnmower. The grass is/are very long.
- m) I like the painting but I don't like the frame/surrounding.
- n) Mary has a lot of small ornaments on her window shelf/sill.
- o) There's someone at/on the door. Can you see who it is?

8 Match the words in the box with a suitable explanation (a-o).

shutters	ceiling	chimney	pillow	kennel	blind	cushion
roof	rubbish	urban	bunk	duvet	kerb	litter
						rural

- a) Put this over you if you are cold in bed. duvet
- b) Put this behind your back if you are sitting uncomfortably.
- c) This describes city places.
- d) These protect your windows outside and can be closed in bad weather.
- e) This is paper dropped in the street.
- f) This is the top of the room.
- g) This is a bed with others above it.
- h) This describes country places.
- i) This is the top of the house.
- j) Put this under your head when you go to sleep.
- k) Close this to keep the sunlight out of your room.
- l) This is anything you throw away in the dustbin.
- m) This is home for your pet dog.
- n) This is the stone edge of the pavement at the side of the road.
- o) The smoke goes up this from the fireplace.

- 9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Moving in

The entrance to the flat was at the (1).....A.....of the house. Jane had to walk along a (2).....across the lawn and past a (3).....full of gardening equipment. Inside the back door there was a flight of (4).....and then another door on the (5).....It was a (6).....flat with a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom. There was not a lot of (7).....but certainly enough for a student like Jane. There was a/an (8).....in the living room with an electric fire, and the kitchen had a small (9).....and a fridge. The bathroom did not have a bath, only a (10).....and a basin, but Jane didn't mind. She was thinking about other problems. There wasn't a washing (11)....., and there was no (12).....heating. It was raining outside, and the flat felt damp and chilly. On the bed there were some (13).....and a duvet, but no (14).....It was lucky that Jane had brought a sleeping bag. As she was wondering what to do next, there was a knock (15).....the door.

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| 1) A side | B inside | C beginning | D garden |
| 2) A road | B way | C path | D stairs |
| 3) A room | B shed | C cellar | D floor |
| 4) A ladder | B upstairs | C rooms | D stairs |
| 5) A roof | B landing | C balcony | D bottom |
| 6) A multi-storey | B semi-detached | C furnished | D cottage |
| 7) A furniture | B rent | C neighbours | D housing |
| 8) A oven | B fireplace | C cooker | D cooking |
| 9) A cook | B cookery | C cooker | D cooking |
| 10) A waterfall | B shower | C splash | D sink |
| 11) A machine | B up | C room | D powder |
| 12) A central | B much | C radiator | D good |
| 13) A wrappings | B rugs | C carpets | D blankets |
| 14) A whites | B sheets | C spreads | D cloths |
| 15) A for | B behind | C to | D at |