

Talking about HOUSES!



1- Use the following words to complete the spaces. Drag them and drop them in the correct place :

as corners electricity few
ground job like in on third



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Teenager Charlie Larcombe lives in an amazing home: a wooden windmill. His parents built the windmill in the pretty English village of Wraysbury, basing their design (1) **on** a 400-year-old mill in the same area.

Inside, there are five levels. The (2) **ground** floor is the largest, containing the living room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs, the first and second floors have bedrooms, a tiny office and the bathroom. The Larcombes use the (3) **third** floor for storing things, and the fourth, at the top of the mill, is the part that looks

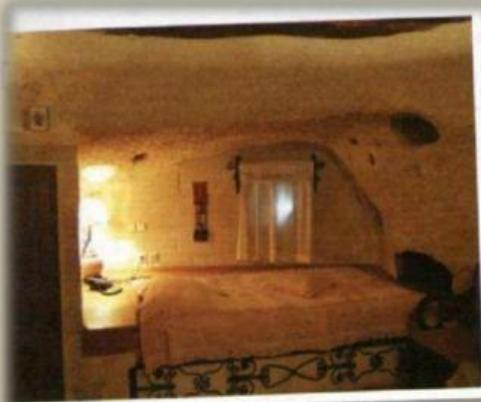
(4) **like** a boat and holds the sails.

Living in a windmill brings a (5) **change**. It changes to normal life. The family found the shape of their new home a little strange at first. All the rooms are round, so there are no (6) **corners**, and the ceilings seem quite small compared to the floors.

It has central heating and it's very cosy, but fire is a danger (7) **as** it is made of wood. There is a water system in each ceiling, so if there is a fire, the people inside can flood every level (8) **in** seconds. Also, the balcony around the outside of the mill provides an escape route from the upper floors.

The Larcombes used local materials to build the windmill, including pieces from old cottages and farm buildings in the nearby area. The one last (9) **job** is to complete the 8-metre long sails. They hope to use wind energy to create all the (10) **electricity** the mill needs – and perhaps also enough for ten other houses in the village.

2- Read the text carefully and choose the best option to complete it!



We often believe that living in a cave is (0) **far** from the distant past, the days of cavemen and cavewomen, but nowadays a (1) **few** of people are

buying cave homes. The climate is changing and temperatures around the world are (2) **rising**, but inside a cave it remains cool, even (3) **in** summer.

I am sitting in a cave home in Cappadocia, one of the hottest parts of Turkey, (4) **at** three o'clock on a July afternoon. Outside it reaches 35 degrees almost (5) **every** day, but in

here it is only 18. It never falls much below that, even during the coldest months.

Modern cave homes like this often have a phone, satellite TV and an Internet (6) **connection**, and they are very comfortable.

(7) **At** the bedrooms are very quiet, dark and cool, people love sleeping in them. And, they say, it's easy to make more (8) **space** for yourself. You just dig a bigger room!

Exam advice

- Begin by reading the text to get a general idea of the type of text, its topic and the main points.

3- Choose the correct option: Simple Present or Present Continuous!



Hi David,

I (1) .. [write] to you from our holiday home, right next to the sea. I (2) [sit] in my cosy bedroom, which (3) [be] at the back of the building, and I (4) [look] out across the waves to a little island. I (5) [love] this view, and in the evening I sometimes (6) [stay] in to watch the sun go down. Every day I (7) [go] for a long walk along the top of the cliffs. It's late June now, so the weather (8) [get] hotter, but I always (9) [leave] the house early in the morning while that cool wind from out at sea (10) [blow]. I (11) [have] a really good time here, and I (12) [not think] I want to go home!

Bye for now,
Pamela

4- Which of these verbs are state verbs? Tick your options!

belong change
consist contain
dream exist fill
forget guess
improve include
matter mean
need own paint
prefer relax
remember seem
suppose understand

5- Vocabulary: Choose the correct word to label the picture.

