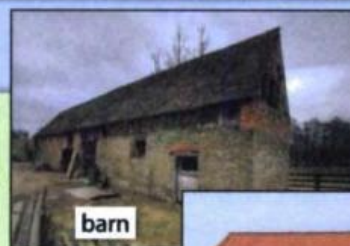


73 Old and new

A A barn conversion

Friends of mine **converted** an old barn that had **formerly** been used for **domestic** animals. They bought it for **next to nothing**, and were **fortunate** that parts of it were still quite **well-preserved**. They **estimated** they could convert the barn for about £200,000, but the council then made them **modify** their building plans so the original **estimate** **turned out to be** a bit optimistic. Nevertheless, they now have a **magnificent** **contemporary** four-bedroom home.



barn



barn conversion

GLOSSARY

convert (sth) (into sth)	change from one form, system, or use into another conversion <i>n</i>	estimate	calculate the size, cost, etc. of sth approximately estimate <i>n</i>
formerly	in the past; before now former <i>adj</i>	modify	change sth slightly
domestic	(of animals) kept as pets or on a farm	turn out (to be sth)	prove to be
next to nothing	very little money, etc: buy sth for next to nothing	magnificent	extremely impressive and attractive SYN splendid
fortunate	lucky OPP unfortunate	contemporary	of the present time; modern
preserve	keep sth safe and in good condition: a well-preserved 18th century table		

1 Circle the odd one out based on the pronunciation of the underlined letters. Use the APP to help you.

- 1 convert modify domestic
- 2 contempory formerly forunate
- 3 estimate v estimate n forunate
- 4 convert preserve formerly

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word or phrase that keeps the same meaning.

- 1 They were not very lucky with that house.
- 2 It's a magnificent apartment.
- 3 It's a hotel now, but in the past it was a bank.
- 4 It's an old house but it's in good condition.
- 5 They've just bought a very modern house.
- 6 It was a small cottage, but it's been changed slightly over the years.
- 7 We thought it would be quite grand, but in the end it was rather small.
- 8 They have calculated they will need about £10,000.
- 9 It cost very little.
- 10 The barn is for our cows, sheep, etc. in the winter.

3 Complete the dialogues. More than one word may be correct.

- 1 The building used to be a prison, didn't it? ~ No, it's a hospital.
- 2 Did they throw out all the old furniture? ~ No, they thought it was worth
- 3 Is it an old cottage they've bought? ~ No, it's a barn
- 4 How big is it? ~ The agent it is about 300 square metres.
- 5 Are you keeping to your original plan? ~ No, we've had to it a bit.
- 6 The conversion is very impressive. ~ Oh yes, the house is really now.
- 7 Do they want to keep all the old features in the house? ~ No, they want something more
- 8 Are they keeping the barn as it is? ~ No, they're it into a music studio.



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B Old and new objects



Innovative anti-snore **device** – **clips** onto sleeper's nose for a good night's sleep



Up-to-date guidebook to Korea – **second-hand** but **good as new**



Genuine antique grandfather clock. The 8-day **mechanism** is in perfect condition.



Reproduction of **Ancient** Egyptian statue of the goddess Bastet



Fully **reconditioned** exercise bike with original **packaging** and instructions

GLOSSARY

innovative	featuring or introducing new ideas, methods, etc.
device	an object or piece of equipment designed to do a particular job
clip	fasten sth with a clip (= a small object, usually of metal or plastic, used for holding things together, e.g. a paper clip, a hair clip)
up to date	having the most recent information: an up-to-date timetable OPP out of date
genuine	real, exactly what it appears to be SYN authentic
antique	old and often very valuable antique n
mechanism	a set of moving parts in a machine that does a certain task
reproduction	sth made as a copy of an earlier object or style reproduce v
ancient	belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years ago
reconditioned	(of a machine) repaired so that it is in good condition
packaging	materials used to wrap and protect goods sold in shops

SPOTLIGHT *second-hand and new*

If something is **second-hand**, it is not completely new. If something is completely new, we usually say **brand new**. (**As**) **good as new** can be used to describe something that is not new but appears to be.

- 4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D. Use the APP to help you.

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|---|---|---|
| 1 <u>a</u> ncient <u>a</u> n <i>ti</i> que | 3 g <u>e</u> nuine d <u>e</u> vice | 5 <u>a</u> ntique <u>a</u> uthentic |
| 2 m <u>e</u> chanism r <u>e</u> co <u>n</u> di <u>t</u> ioned | 4 g <u>e</u> nuine p <u>a</u> ck <u>a</u> g <u>i</u> ng | 6 i <u>n</u> no <u>v</u> ative r <u>e</u> pr <u>o</u> du <u>c</u> ti <u>o</u> n |

- 5 Complete the phrase in each sentence.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 This email list is of date. | 4 The data is up to |
| 2 I need a paper for this document. | 5 My car is brand |
| 3 The sofa is as new. | 6 I usually buy second-..... books. |

- 6 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- A battery charger is an extremely useful energy-saving
- It's a beautifully made, 18th century clock.
- There were earrings like it thousands of years ago in Greece, and now they make of them and sell them in tourist shops.
- We bought a second-hand Hoover – it was fully and fantastic value.
- I don't want a copy of the clock: I want a antique.
- Shops often sell more goods if they're displayed in attractive
- Our small factory antique dolls, and we sell them on the internet at a great profit.
- They want the technology to be really to date, and they're awarding a prize for the most design.
- This old clock has a very complex inside, but it still works perfectly.
- If you the photo to your letter, then you can send the two together.



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