

## Jobs around the house and Describing a home

## 1 PRACTISE Match verbs 1-7 to nouns A-G.

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| 1 decorate ____ | A shelves           |
| 2 do ____       | B clothes / washing |
| 3 dust ____     | C clothes           |
| 4 fold ____     | D the table         |
| 5 iron ____     | E a cake            |
| 6 lay ____      | F the plants        |
| 7 water ____    | G housework         |

## 2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

animal skins chimneys electricity entrance frame  
fresh air heating luxury outhouse roof  
rug running stove tent traditional wardrobe

- The \_\_\_\_\_ to the park is round the corner. This gate is closed.
- I've got a small \_\_\_\_\_ by my bed so my feet don't get cold when I get up in the morning.
- We need to get a new \_\_\_\_\_ for our camping trip because the old one is too small for a family of four.
- Anna's clothes are still in her suitcase because there isn't any room for them in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Victor is vegetarian. That means he doesn't wear anything made from \_\_\_\_\_.
- I can't watch TV because there isn't any \_\_\_\_\_.
- The house didn't have a toilet inside, so we had to use an \_\_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the garden.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ isn't working but we've got a wood \_\_\_\_\_ to keep us warm.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ on all the roofs of the old, \_\_\_\_\_ houses in our village.
- We don't want a basic caravan. We want a \_\_\_\_\_ caravan with \_\_\_\_\_ water and electricity.
- My dad built a playhouse in the garden. He put a wooden \_\_\_\_\_ up. Then he built the walls and put the \_\_\_\_\_ on.
- It's OK to eat all your meals outside in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer but not in the winter!

## 3 Read the note and complete the words.

Hi Jamal,

The kitchen is in a bit of a mess. Please can you <sup>1</sup>t\_\_\_\_\_y and clean it before you go out today? I don't want to find a mess when I get back from work! First, please <sup>2</sup>e\_\_\_\_\_y the d\_\_\_\_\_r. Then, after breakfast, remember to <sup>3</sup>c\_\_\_\_\_r the table so that it's ready for dinner. Then <sup>4</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_d the d\_\_\_\_\_r with your dirty dishes. If there are any that can't go in the dishwasher, please <sup>5</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_h them. <sup>6</sup>d\_\_\_\_\_y them and <sup>7</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_t them a\_\_\_\_\_y. Could you also <sup>8</sup>s\_\_\_\_\_p the floor? I noticed it was a bit dirty. And finally, please <sup>9</sup>t\_\_\_\_\_e the r\_\_\_\_\_h o\_\_\_\_\_t. The bin is really full!

Thanks,

Dad

P.S. Remember to <sup>10</sup>m\_\_\_\_\_e your bed!

## 4 EXTEND Read the sentences and complete the words.

- You need a m\_\_\_\_\_ and a b\_\_\_\_\_t to clean the floor with soap and water.
- You need a b\_\_\_\_\_m to sweep the floor.
- You need a d\_\_\_\_\_r to dust your shelves.
- You need an i\_\_\_\_\_g b\_\_\_\_\_d and an iron to do the ironing.
- You need a t\_\_\_\_\_e d\_\_\_\_\_r to dry your clothes quickly when it's raining outside and you can't dry them on the w\_\_\_\_\_g l\_\_\_\_\_e.
- You need a v\_\_\_\_\_m c\_\_\_\_\_r to keep your carpets clean.

## 5 Complete the text with the words below.

basement blocks detached new build  
semi-detached terraced



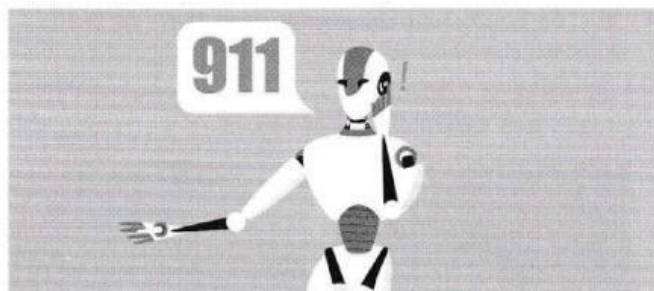
Ash

In the city, most people live in flats in apartment <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. If you live on the top floor, you often have spectacular views. However, the <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ flat can be dark because it's under the ground floor, but if it has a garden, it can be quite sunny. Other people prefer <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ houses because they don't want to have neighbours that share a wall, like in <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ houses. They don't like <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ houses either because these share walls with neighbours on both sides of the house, so it can be very noisy. <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ houses are very popular because they are well built and don't have the problems old houses often have. But older, traditional houses can be very attractive. Which do you prefer?

- Do a survey to find out what type of home your friends and family would like to live in. Ask them to give you their reasons. Which is the most popular? Write a short report and prepare to give a presentation to the class.

Name	Type of home	Description	Reasons
Sam	Apartment block	Big, luxury and modern	He wants to live in the city.





- 1 Read the comments on the news article about Mrs Ryu's accident in the home. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the comments.

## Comments ▼

A



RachelDM08

Poor Mrs Ryu! She <sup>1</sup>lay / **was lying** on the floor feeling very frightened when the firefighters <sup>2</sup>arrived / **were arriving**. I can't believe the bot vacuum cleaner <sup>3</sup>ate / **was eating** her hair. I think she felt embarrassed, too.

B



Ciaran2006

I like the idea of a robot doing all the housework. It could sweep the floor and take the rubbish out for me – amazing! I thought about Mrs Ryu. While the robot <sup>4</sup>pulled / **was pulling** her hair, she <sup>5</sup>tried / **was trying** to stop it. The robot switched off quite quickly. It wasn't so bad!

C



SusanYork99

Relax! Robots aren't bad. My dad designs robots – they can really help people. Yesterday, I <sup>6</sup>read / **was reading** about robots helping old people in their homes. My grandma lives alone in a flat. The other day, she <sup>7</sup>dusted / **was dusting** the shelves when she <sup>8</sup>fell / **was falling** on a rug. She broke her toe. She needed a robot!

- 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- While they \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Iceland, they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) inside a turf house.
- Priti \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) her hand while she \_\_\_\_\_ (make) lunch.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) a cake when you \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) doing all the housework.
- While we \_\_\_\_\_ (put up) the tent, we \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a big hole in it.
- Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (not water) the plants while she \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) for her holiday.
- I'm fed up with Donald. He \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) while we \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the film.
- When the electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (go off) off, I \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) my room.
- The heating \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs below. There is one extra verb which you do not need.

drop fold look for make move not listen  
not take out put up sweep

- Stephen dried the dishes while you \_\_\_\_\_ the floor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the wardrobe when you hit your head?
- Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ the rubbish because she was playing video games instead.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ when Mum told us how to use the washing machine.
- While I was looking up at the chimney, I \_\_\_\_\_ my phone.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their tent in the garden when Mum and Dad arrived.
- It was so dark outside that I \_\_\_\_\_ the entrance to the outhouse for ages.
- Ali \_\_\_\_\_ the clothes when Soroush offered to help him do the housework.

- 4 Order the words to make sentences.

- and / on Sunday / ironed my clothes / took out the rubbish / I  
\_\_\_\_\_
- was tidying / Clarissa / when / her bedroom / fell over / she  
\_\_\_\_\_
- was sleeping / the robot / was cleaning the floor / the woman / while  
\_\_\_\_\_
- her hair / she / woke up / the vacuum cleaner / when / was pulling  
\_\_\_\_\_
- when / was ironing my clothes / I / my hand / I / burned  
\_\_\_\_\_
- they arrived / the cooker / we / when / were cleaning  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Complete the mini-conversations with your own ideas. Use the past simple and the past continuous.

- A What were you doing when you burned your hand?  
B I \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Did Fatima cut her finger when she \_\_\_\_\_?  
B No, she didn't. She \_\_\_\_\_.
- A What housework was the boy doing when \_\_\_\_\_?  
B He \_\_\_\_\_.
- A When did the accident at home happen?  
B It happened while I \_\_\_\_\_.