

Vocabulary

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Describing houses and homes


I can describe houses and homes.

1 Complete the types of home with a, e, i, o and u.

- 1 mansion
- 2 farmhouse
- 3 villa
- 4 mobile home
- 5 flat
- 6 bungalow
- 7 houseboat
- 8 terraced house
- 9 semi-detached house
- 10 thatched cottage
- 11 detached house

2 Look at the picture and complete the labels.

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| 1 f <u>ence</u> | 10 s <u>idney</u> | d <u>oor</u> |
| 2 e <u>stern</u> | 11 p <u>orch</u> | |
| 3 b <u>lind</u> | 12 l <u>awn</u> | |
| 4 s <u>hubs</u> | 13 p <u>oth</u> | |
| 5 g <u>all</u> | 14 p <u>ond</u> | |
| 6 b <u>urned</u> | 15 d <u>not</u> | |
| 7 f <u>laid</u> | 16 g <u>rage</u> | |
| 8 p <u>ick</u> | 17 h <u>edge</u> | |
| 9 c <u>llecting</u> | | |

3  1.17 Listen to someone describing their ideal home. Complete the description with the missing words.

My ideal home is in the city. It's a contemporary flat, in an impressive building in a central area. It's conveniently located for shops, restaurants and cinemas. Inside, it isn't at all cramped. In fact, it's very spacious.

4 Write a short description of your ideal home. Include information below. Use words from exercises 1 and 2. Use phrases from exercise 3 to help you.

- Where is it?
- What type of home is it?
- Rooms and other features
- Adjectives to describe it

My ideal home is on the coast. It's a villa with the most beautiful view. It has a modern building with a pool and garage. The garden around the house is amazing and there is a garden with loads of different kinds of plants.



Comparison

I can make comparisons using a variety of structures.

1 Complete the sentences with a double comparative.

- The weather is getting colder and colder. (cold)
- This area is becoming more and more popular. (popular)
- Jimmy is getting taller and taller. (tall)
- Petrol was getting more and more expensive. (expensive)
- Maria is becoming more and more confident. (confident)
- The film just got sillier and sillier. (silly)

2 Put the words in the correct order.

- I thought / longer / The journey was / than
The journey was longer than I thought
- more spacious / The flat was / than / appeared / it
That flat was more spacious than it appeared
- in Greece / hotter / it was / The weather here is / than
The weather here is hotter than it was in Greece
- much more / it used to be / The house is / dilapidated / than
The house is much more dilapidated than it used to be
- than / My grandad is / when he was a young man / shorter now
My grandad is shorter now than when he was a young man
- as popular as / it was / five years ago / This area isn't
This area isn't as popular as it was five years ago

3 Complete the sentence halves with the comparative form of the adjectives and adverbs in brackets. Then match 1-5 with a-e.

- The longer (long) I work, ☒ 2
 - The more spacious (spacious) the house, ☒ 5
 - The quicker (fast) you drive, ☒ 3
 - The more carefully (carefully) you check your work, ☒ 4
 - The longer (long) you keep him waiting, ☒ 1
- a the more expensive (expensive) it will be.
b the more impatient (impatient) he'll become.
c the fewer (few) mistakes you make.
d the more likely (likely) you are to have an accident.
e the more tired (tired) I feel.

4 Write superlative sentences with the present perfect.

- this / good / book / I / ever / read
This is the best book I've ever read.
- this / remote / region of the UK / I / ever / visit
This is the most remote region of the UK I've ever visited.
- those / expensive / jeans / I / ever / buy
Those are the most expensive jeans I've ever bought.
- that / charming / cottage / I / ever / stay in
That is the most charming cottage I've ever stayed in.
- this / lively / area of town / I / ever / live in
This is the most lively area of town I've ever lived in.
- that / pretty / flower bed / I / ever / see
That is the prettiest flower bed I've ever seen.

5 Complete the sentences with less, the least, fewer, or the fewest.

- The kitchen is the least spacious room in the house.
- My flat is less conveniently located than yours.
- This house has got the fewest rooms of the three we've looked at.
- Which costs less, the semi-detached house or the terraced house?
- This is the least popular area of the city.
- Which room has got the least furniture, the dining room, living room, or kitchen?
- There are fewer flowers in the flower bed this year than last.
- Wales is less remote than the north of Scotland.

6 Complete the sentences with the comparative and superlative form of the adverbs in brackets.

- Dan drives more slowly than Ed, but Sam drives the slowest of all. (slow)
- Amy works harder than Kate, but Frances works the hardest. (hard)
- Adam speaks French more fluently than Jason, but Chris speaks the most fluently. (fluently)
- Jed walks more quickly than Fred, but Tom walks the fastest. (fast)
- Ed writes better than Fran, but Susan writes the best. (good)

Young and homeless

I can recognise paraphrases of simple verbs in a recording.

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- 1 Complete the paraphrases with the words below.

effort eye get give hand have
life make time touch turn word

- 1 to try hard
= to make a big effort
- 2 to contact somebody
= to get in touch with somebody
- 3 to ignore something
= to turn a blind eye to something
- 4 to talk to somebody
= to have a word with somebody
- 5 to enjoy yourself a lot
= to have the time of your life
- 6 to help somebody
= to give somebody a hand

Listening Strategy 1

When you listen to a recording, remember that many ideas will be expressed differently in the task. For example, a simple verb in the task may be expressed by a phrase in the recording: *sleep well* → *get a good night's sleep*.

- 2 1.18 Read Listening Strategy 1. Then listen to four people and circle the correct summaries.

- 1 For the past two weeks, speaker 1 has been _____.
a sleeping well
b sleeping badly
- 2 He's got a new neighbour, but speaker 2 hasn't _____.
a seen him
b spoken to him
- 3 Speaker 3's husband is in the mountains and nobody can _____.
a find him
b phone him
- 4 Speaker 4 couldn't take part in the race, although he really _____ to be fit for it.
a tried
b expected

Listening Strategy 2

Pay attention to whether the language you hear is formal or informal. This can be an important clue to the context.

- 3 Read Listening Strategy 2. Match the phrases (1–6) with similar meanings (a–f). Then circle the formal phrase in each pair.

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| 1 increase sharply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a gain employment |
| 2 need help <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b at the moment |
| 3 find a job <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | c a high priority |
| 4 currently <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | d go up a lot |
| 5 very important <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | e suggest something |
| 6 make a proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | f require assistance |

- 4 1.19 Listen to three recordings. Which two are formal? Which formal phrases from exercise 3 did they include?

Recording number 1 is formal and includes the formal phrases:

- 1 require assistance, currently, go up a lot
- 2 need help
- 3 _____

Recording number 2 is formal and includes the formal phrases:

- 4 increase sharply, gain employment
- 5 make a proposal
- 6 _____

- 5 1.19 Listen again and circle the correct answer.

- 1 In recording 1, we hear a man
a asking for a form to complete.
b asking for help in completing a form.
c returning a form that he has completed.
- 2 In recording 2, what is the main intention of the speaker?
a To persuade people to make donations to help homeless people.
b To advise people against giving money to homeless people on the street.
c To suggest ways of helping homeless people without costing money.
- 3 In recording 3, when the speaker took part in the race, she
a felt much colder than she had expected.
b did not feel as cold as her friends.
c did not feel as cold as she had expected.

Imaginary situations

I can talk about imaginary situations and things I would like to change.

- 1 Complete the second conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

not believe do get give make not spend work

- Your exam results would be much better if you would a bit harder.
- If you moved to a new city, you would make friends really quickly.
- Homelessness wouldn't be such a big problem if the government did more to help.
- I'd finish the housework a lot faster if you gave me a hand with it!
- Would she remember me if I got in touch after so many years?
- You'd have more time for schoolwork if you didn't spend so long playing computer games.
- If I told you the truth, you wouldn't believe me.

- 3 Rewrite the sentences. Use the second conditional.

- Our house doesn't have a big garden, so we have to play football in the park.
If our house had a big garden, we wouldn't have to play football in the park.

- I don't live in a detached house, so I can't play my music really loud.

If I lived in a detached house, I could play my music really loud.

- We don't have a nine-bedroom mansion, so we don't invite lots of friends and family to stay.

If we had a nine-bedroom mansion, we would invite lots of friends and family to stay.

- Our flat is small, so my parents don't allow me to have a pet.

If our flat wasn't so small, my parents would allow me to have a pet.

- I don't close my bedroom shutters at night, so I wake up early in the morning.

If I closed my bedroom shutters at night, I wouldn't wake up early in the morning.

- They haven't got a fence. Their dog keeps running away.

If they had a fence, their dog wouldn't keep running away.

- They aren't interested in gardening. Their flower beds are a mess.

If they were interested in gardening, their flower beds wouldn't be a mess.

- I share a bedroom with my brother. I can't watch TV at night.

If I didn't share a bedroom with my brother, I could watch TV at night.

- Our house is near an airport. It's noisy in the garden.

If our house wasn't near an airport, it wouldn't be noisy in the garden.

- 4 Complete the sentences with the past simple or would + base form, depending on the meaning.

- Our neighbours have still got my badminton net. I wish they would give it back!

- I can't work with the TV so loud. I wish you would turn it down!

- I love that new phone, but it's really expensive. If only it was cheaper!

- Unfortunately, I don't see my cousins very often. I wish they lived closer.

- I want to go to bed, but our guests are still here. If only they would leave!

- I wish it was Friday today.

- I really want to go skiing tomorrow. If only it would snow tonight!



Complete the dialogue with the past simple and would + base form.

Tim I think we're lost. If this ¹ wasn't (be) the right path, we ² would be (be) there by now.

Paul So which path should we be on?

Tim If I ³ knew (know) that, we ⁴ wouldn't be (not be) lost!

Paul If you ⁵ had (have) your phone with you, we ⁶ would be able (be able to) look at a map.

Tim We decided not to bring our phones, remember? A weekend without technology ...

Paul I know. I ⁷ wouldn't be (not be) so worried if we ⁸ weren't (not be) so far from home. Next time, we should bring our phones, but only use them in an emergency.

Tim If you ⁹ brought (bring) your phone with you, you ¹⁰ would use (use) it all the time. You're addicted!

do, make and take

I can use 'do', 'make' and 'take' correctly.

- 1 Complete the phrases with *do*, *make* and *take*.
- take a look at something / a picture / a photo
 - make an appointment / up your mind
 - do yoga / karate / gymnastics / your best
- 2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *do*, *make*, or *take*.



- Man I love your house. It's really unusual.
 Woman Yes, I designed it myself. You must ¹ take a look at the basement. I'm really proud of it.
 Man Thanks. Wow! This is amazing. It's huge! Can I ² take a photo?
 Woman Yes, of course.
 Man What are you going to use the basement for?
 Woman It might be a guest room – or maybe a fitness room. I can't ³ make up my mind. At the moment, my daughters ⁴ do gymnastics down here. They love it!
 Man So, if you're happy to be in our magazine, I need some photos and an interview. Maybe one day next week?
 Woman OK, I'll ⁵ do my best, but I'm quite busy at the moment. Can you call my personal assistant and ⁶ make an appointment?
 Man Yes, of course.

- 3 **DICTIONARY WORK** Read a short extract from a dictionary entry for *make*. How many example sentences does it include in total?

Answer: 5 example sentences.

make /meɪk/ verb (pt, pp made /meɪd/)

1 **CREATE** to produce or create sth: *to make bread* ♦ *This model is made of steel.*

2 **CAUSE** to cause a particular effect, feeling, situation, etc.: *The film made me cry.* ♦ *Flying makes him nervous.* ♦ *I'll make it clear to him that we won't pay.*

3 **FORCE** to cause sb/sth to do sth: *You can't make her come with us if she doesn't want to.*

- 4 Match the examples below with the correct meaning of *make* from the dictionary entry in exercise 3: 1, 2, or 3.

- If you're late for games, they make you run round the playing field three times. 3
- She never buys birthday cards; she makes them. 1
- At school, we're making a video about homelessness. 2
- I don't like theme park rides; they make me feel sick. 1
- It's a fascinating documentary that really makes you think. 1
- The robbers made the shop assistant open the till and hand over the money. 2

- 5 Circle the correct verbs. Use a dictionary to help you.

- How many goals have we scored? I make / take it.
- She could be a really good tennis player if she make / takes it more seriously.
- My neighbour works in London. I'm not sure what he does / takes, but it must be well paid.
- My cousin refuses to do / take painkillers even when she's ill.
- Don't make / take this the wrong way, but that job doesn't really suit you.
- I like travelling, but flying makes / takes me anxious.
- We only had three days in Paris, but we did / made most of it.
- The doctors were amazing and did / took everything they could to help.

VOCAB BOOST!

Common verbs like *do*, *make* and *take* often appear in everyday phrases and idioms. If you come across one, check its meaning in a dictionary and make a note of its meaning.

it won't do any good = it won't help the situation

it didn't make a sound = it was silent

take it easy = relax

- 6 Read the **Vocab boost!** box. Then use a dictionary to complete the phrases with *do*, *make*, or *take*.

- Can you do me a favour and hold my bag?
- Try not to make a mess before the visitors arrive.
- I can't understand his text – it doesn't make sense.
- There's no hurry – take your time.
- I don't mind you playing computer games, but you need to take time for your homework.
- Lisa looks really upset. I wish I could do something to help.

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- 1 Complete the compound nouns with the words below. Two are written as one word.

dining front housing rain rubbish
shipping sky sofa solar studio

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| 1 | sofa | bed | 6 | studio | flat |
| 2 | shipping | containers | 7 | solar | panels |
| 3 | front | door | 8 | sky | scraper |
| 4 | rubbish | dump | 9 | clothing | table |
| 5 | housing | estate | 10 | rain | water |

- 2 Complete the sentences with compound nouns from exercise 1.

- 1 We've had rain panels fitted on our roof.
 2 Joe lives on the 20th floor of a sky scraper.
 3 There are about 200 homes on the housing estate.
 4 Can you open the front door for me?
 5 Our guests slept on the sofa bed.
 6 My uncle's studio flat is small, but cosy.

- 3 Read the texts. Look at the photo and match it with the correct text. *a*

Reading Strategy

When you find evidence in the text that supports an answer, underline it and note which question it refers to. If you do that, you can find it again easily when you are checking all your answers at the end.

- 4 Read the Reading Strategy. Then match the texts (A–C) with questions 1–4 below. One text matches two questions. Underline the evidence in the text that supports your answers.

In which text does the author ...

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| 1 mention that the house isn't built yet? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B |
| 2 refer to an indoor garden? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C |
| 3 make it clear that the house has more than one floor? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A |
| 4 suggest that the house will suit someone with a playful nature? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A |

Strange places to live in ...

A THE SLIDE HOUSE, JAPAN

Did you love going down the slide in the playground as a child? Perhaps you secretly wish you still could? If so, when the Slide House in Japan is the house for you!

Japanese architects have designed an unusual three-storey house with a large slide that connects each level. This fun house has two staircases on the side going up, and the slide on the other going down, and together they form a circular route around the central area of the house.

The house is in the suburbs of Tokyo, and it functions as a real family home.

B THE SKATEBOARD HOUSE, USA

Are you a skateboarding fan? Would you like to live in a house where you could skateboard everywhere? This is exactly what a former skateboard champion wants to build in California. It will be the first house that can be entirely used for skateboarding as well as living in.

A prototype of the house is currently on display in a French museum. It has three spaces: a living area, a sleeping area and a skateboard practice area. However, you can skateboard everywhere because the floor becomes the wall and then the ceiling in a continuous curve. You can also skate on and off all the furniture!

C THE GIANT SEASHELL HOUSE, MEXICO

If you've ever wondered what it would feel like to live inside a seashell, then this house in Mexico City would be the home for you. This amazing shell-shaped house was designed and built in 2006. As strange as it looks, it's a real home built for a family. The parents were tired of having a traditional house and wanted to live in a home that was inspired by nature.

All the walls and furniture in the house are curved and all the surfaces are smooth. There are round windows and doors, coloured glass walls and even flowers growing in all the rooms.