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Colourful decorating

1 Read the blog post. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Bill's last post was more than a week ago.
- 2 Bill has finished painting the main bedroom.
- 3 Jason is unhappy with how his new home is decorated.
- 4 The colour orange can make you happier.
- 5 Bill wants to send Jason some photos.

Bill's DIY blog

6 May

It's been over a week since I last posted anything on the blog – sorry! It's been quite a busy week, but at least there's been some good progress on the decorating I wrote about in the last post.

Yesterday I did the main bedroom. I chose a pale green for the walls, but I'm planning to keep the doors and windows a bright white. The effect I'm trying for is 'warm and clean'. And when I finally finish everything, I want the room to have a feeling of luxury.

Jason, who says he always reads this blog, has a question: **'What can I do to improve the way my new home looks? I really don't like the dark colours in the rooms. They make the place seem a bit miserable.'** Well, the colours we use in our home can certainly affect how we feel. Different colours make us feel different things. So why don't you try a nice sunny yellow in your living room, Jason? Another colour that can make you feel better is orange, which is associated with happiness.

But basically, Jason, you need to find the colours that match the kind of person you are. Choose something that you see as cheerful and your home will feel completely different. When you've finished decorating, you can tell us all about it. I'm sure we would all love to see some photos too.

Good luck!

2 Read the blog post again. Then match the paragraphs (1–4) with the paragraph topics (a–d).

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

- a talk about what you are doing at the moment
- b give final advice and invite the reader to post again
- c general introduction
- d talk about a reader's problem and give advice

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3 Read the writing task and answer the questions.

You have a DIY blog. Write a blog post about what decorating you are doing at the moment and give some advice to a reader who says the colours in their home are boring and dull.

- 1 What type of text are you going to write?
- 2 What style should you use? Choose a, b or c.
a formal b neutral c informal
- 3 Which of these will you include in your writing? Tick the boxes.
 - ☐ when you last posted
 - ☐ where you live
 - ☐ what room(s) you're decorating
 - ☐ what colours you're using and why
 - ☐ how colours affect people
 - ☐ what your reader's problem is
 - ☐ why dull colours are good
 - ☐ what colours your reader could use
 - ☐ a request for your reader to post again
- 4 Which colour(s) will you NOT suggest? Mark the box(es) with X.
 - ☐ a calm blue
 - ☐ a deep shade of grey
 - ☐ a light green
 - ☐ a dark brown

4 Now follow the task in Exercise 3 and write the blog post.
