

Young people don't buy houses anymore

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Intermediate

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English

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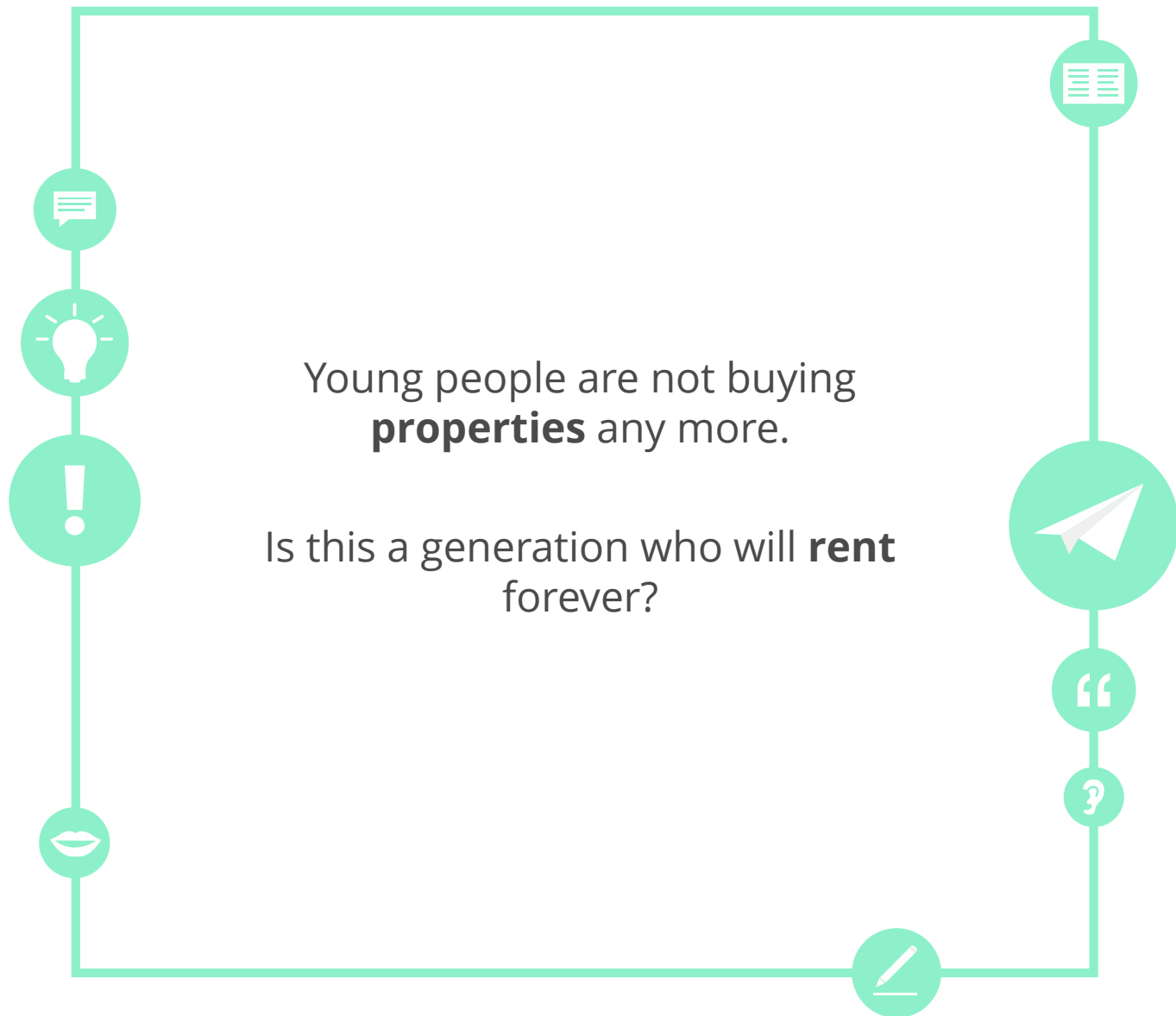




Goals

- Can read a text about why young people don't buy houses anymore.
- Can identify and use simple vocabulary relating to the housing market and housing trends.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will practice reading a text about **why young people don't buy houses** anymore.



Will I ever be a home **owner**?



Vocabulary review

estate agent

rent

budget

lease

deposit

furnished

lender

listing

property



utilities



Reading

I read an article the other day that asked an interesting question. *"Why aren't young people buying diamonds?"* Someone answered: "Because I work at a supermarket." If young people aren't buying diamonds, they aren't buying **property** either.

Young people today continue to **rent**. Some even live at home with their parents to save money for a **deposit**. Is it the job market? Young people aren't making the same money their parents or their grandparents made. This is true. They work more hours for less pay.

But perhaps it is more than money. Maybe there are other things that explain why there are fewer first-time **buyers** than ever before.





Answer the following questions

1. What are the two things young people are not buying according to the writer?
2. Who do some young people still live with?
3. Why do they do this?
4. How does the writer compare young people to older people?





Form a sentence using these words from the text

property

rent

deposit

buyer



Discuss as a group

Do you own your own home?

How easy or difficult was it to buy?

**Do you want to own a home?
Why or why not?**

If you do, what is stopping you from buying?



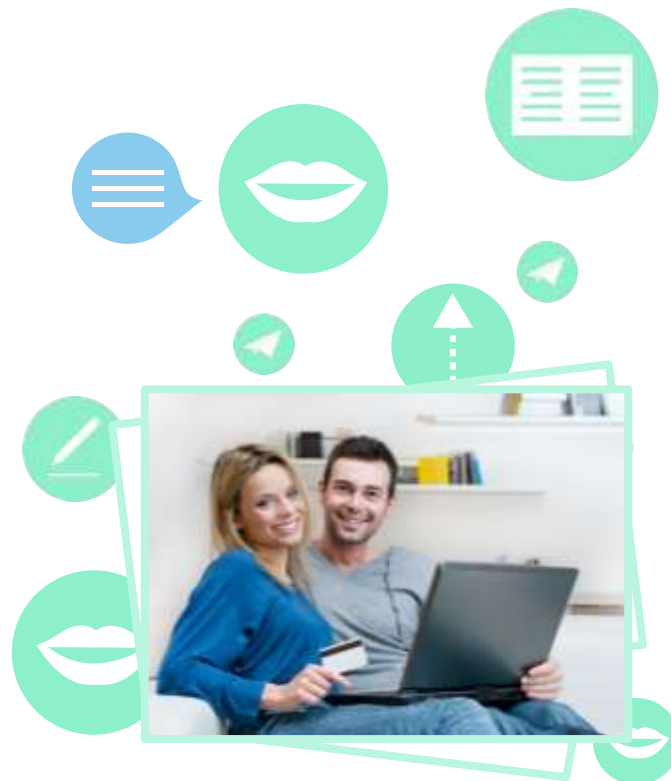
Speaking

Look at the quote from the text below. Do you agree or disagree with it? Share your thoughts with the class.

“

Young people aren't making the same money their parents or their grandparents made. This is true. They work more hours for less pay.

”





Reading



Young people today prefer adventure. Renting your own apartment may appear nice, but young people know that a year-long **lease** can be a prison.

This young generation is more likely to rent and spend their money on travel. That same **budget** for a studio in the city centre can be a trip to Thailand. They want to work to live, not live to work.

Many young people also like the idea of “tiny living.” This means living in a very, very, small space, **furnished** with only the essentials. These people may live in a tiny home, or even in a school bus or van.



True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Young people have a preference for adventure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Young people don't want long rental leases.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. This generation spends all their money on clothes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. For young people work is no longer the main priority.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Young people hate the idea of living in small spaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. These small spaces have every piece of furniture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Look at the pictures

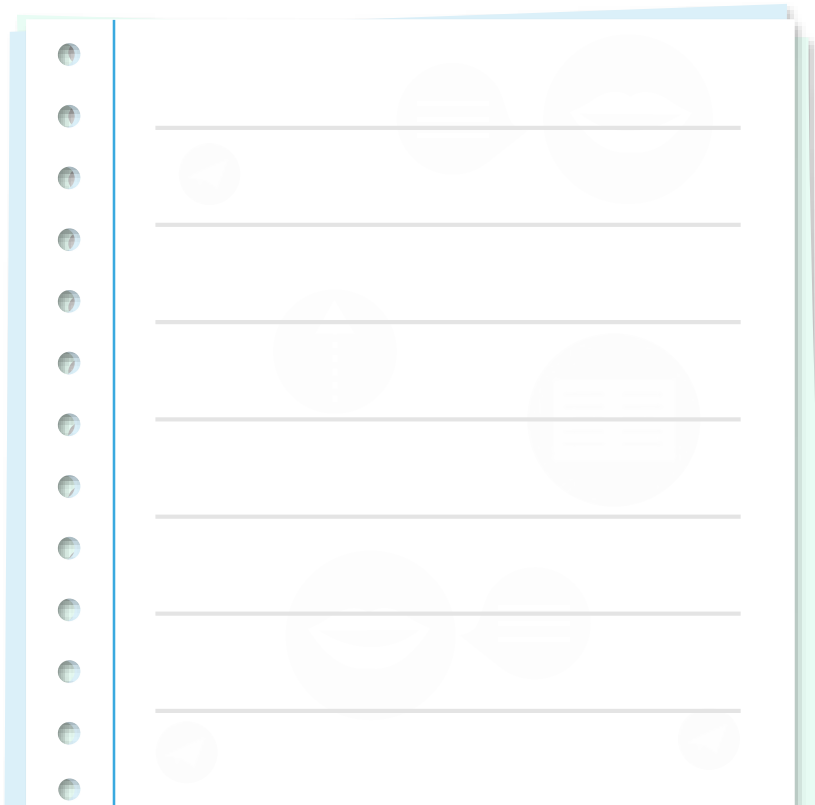
How do the pictures below relate to the text? What do you think is more important to spend your money on?





List

The writer makes reference to an apartment being furnished with *the essentials*. What are some essential things in your home? Make a list and then compare it with a partner.



Make a list!





Discuss

**Do you work to live or
live to work?**

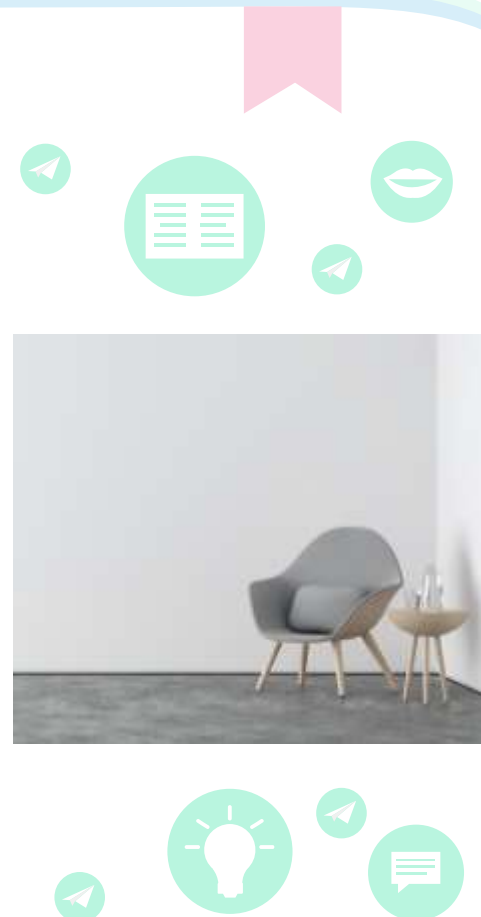




Reading

There may also be a trend among young people of having less. As young people often work for less money, they understand living with less. A person from this generation may not need a three-bedroom home and a huge wardrobe. They are happy enough with a studio apartment and a small dresser for their few things.

Having too much can even look bad. Being happy with little tells the world that you know what is important. Young people also understand that life happens outside of the home. An apartment is a good place to sleep and get ready for a new experience. The outside world is where life really happens.





Match the two parts of the sentence

1. There is a trend among young people...

a. where life really happens.

2. A young person does not need...

b. of owning less.

3. Having too much...

c. a 3 bedroom house and a big closet.

4. Being happy with little...

d. can even look bad.

5. The outside world is...

e. shows the world you understand what's important.



Look at the quote

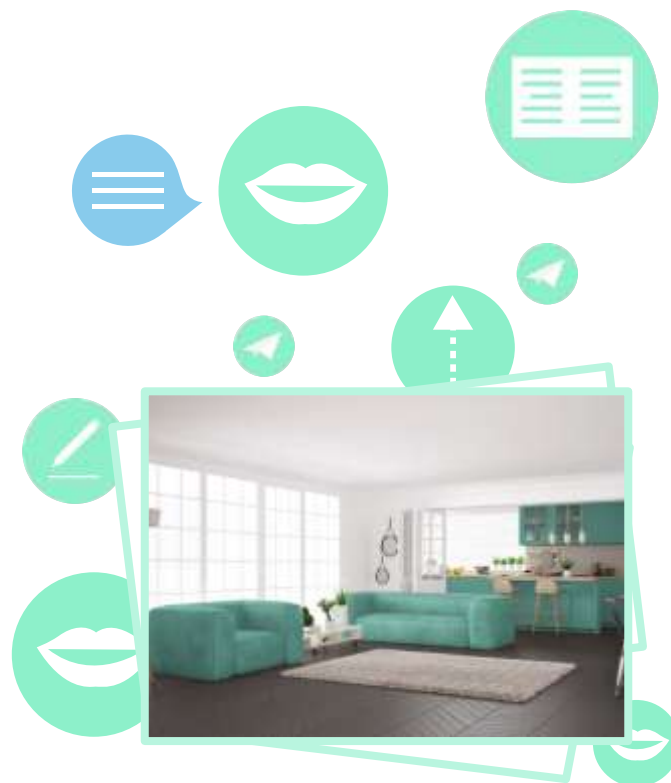
Do you agree with the writer when they describe young people this way? Explain your thoughts.

“

A person from this generation may not need a three-bedroom home and a huge wardrobe.

They are happy enough with a studio apartment and a small dresser for their few things.

”





Role play

Imagine you are one of the young people described in the text. You are talking to your parents about how important buying a house is to you. Your parent should explain how things were when they were young.

I prefer to rent a cheap studio...



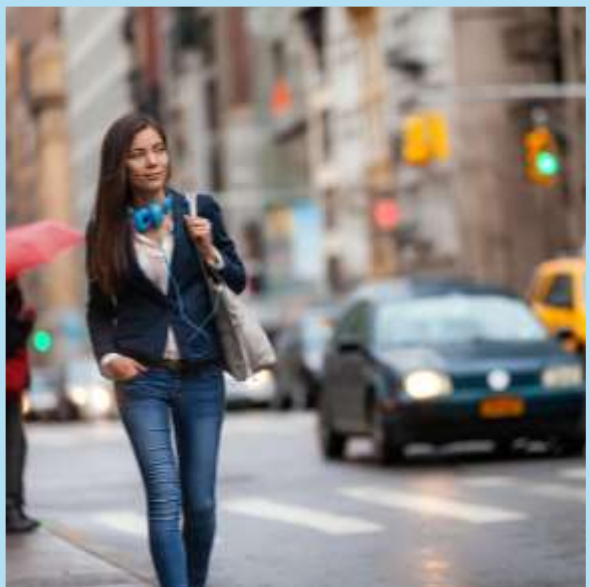
When I was young, we all wanted a home

Student A:
You are the young person

Student B:
You are the parent



Final thoughts



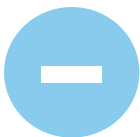
“Life happens outside the home!”

Do you agree with the author here? Why or why not?



Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Answer key

Exercise 3, p.17

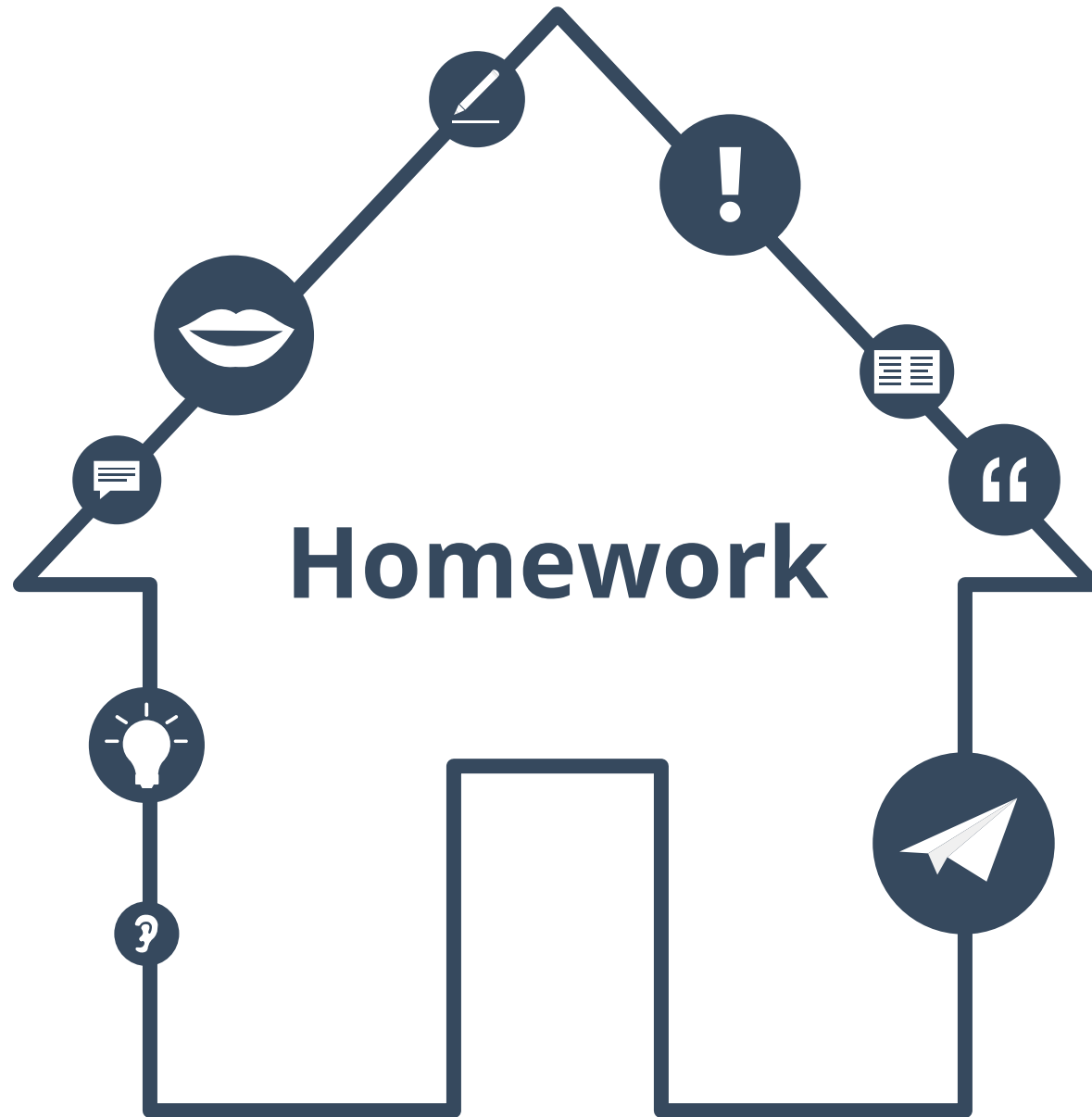
1. B
2. C
3. D
4. E
5. A

Exercise 2, p.12

1. T
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. F

Exercise 1, p.7

1. Houses and diamonds
2. With their parents
3. To save money for a deposit
4. Young people work more hours for less pay





Write sentences

Write a short sentence using each of the following words taken from the text.

lease

deposit

rent

budget

furnished

buyer





Write an email

Imagine it is 2050. You have worked very hard to be able to buy your dream home. Write an email to your younger self. Describe your home and share any feelings you may have about it.

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To:

Subject:

Hi John,

I'm so glad you chose to stay in London for work. All your hard work has paid off. I want to tell you about where you will live in 30 years...



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