

UNIT 3

Home sweet home

LESSON 1

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

hardwood	fireplace	elevator	attic
basement	cramped	garage	

- It was cold, so we lit a fire and sat around the _____.
- I prefer _____ floors without carpets.
- There's no _____, so you have to use the stairs.
- I've put all the old furniture up in the _____.
- We keep the wine in the _____ because it is very cool down there.
- We like the apartment, but it is a little bit small and _____.
- You can park the car outside the house, in the _____.

Grammar

2 Complete the sentences using the words in parentheses and *will* or *going to*.

- A: Why are you moving all those books?
B: _____ (I/change) offices tomorrow.
- A: What would you like to drink?
B: _____ (I/have) some water, please.
- A: I don't know how to use this program.
B: Don't worry. _____ (I show) you.
- A: Have you decided where to go on your birthday?
B: Yes, it's all planned. _____ (We/go) to the Thai restaurant.
- A: Did you remember to call David?
B: I forgot. _____ (I/do) it now.
- A: _____ (I go) to the cafeteria. Do you want a sandwich?
B: No thanks. _____ (I/get) something later.

3 Add one or two words to complete the sentences.

- I need some fresh air. I think I go for a walk.
- you seeing Jack this weekend?
- What time Susannah coming?
- We going to Brazil at the end of the month.
- They've changed their minds. They're not going to Thailand anymore, they are to Vietnam.
- Are you coming to the concert, too? Great—we see you there!

Writing

4 Replace the underlined words with formal language from the box. Rewrite the letter on a separate piece of paper.

I was also very disappointed	Dear
According to your website,	In fact,
In addition to this,	Yours sincerely,
I would also like	
I expect to receive a full refund.	
I am writing to complain about	
I look forward to receiving a satisfactory reply.	

Hello (1.) Mr. Smith,

This is a short letter to tell you that I was not satisfied with (2.) the accommodation that your company provides.

Your website says that (3.) the apartments are all modern and sunny. But, (4.) the apartment I stayed in was built in the 1970s and dark. The floors in the kitchen and bathroom were broken and dirty. And (5.) the washing machine was not working.

I was also not happy (6.) to find that the apartment was a long way from the beach, and not a "ten-minute walk" as specified in the brochure.

I had to move to another apartment, which took me time and cost me money. I paid over \$300 as a deposit on your apartment, and now I hope you will send me all the money back. (7.)

And I want (8.) you to change the information on your website and in your brochures.

I hope you will write to me soon. (9.)

Best wishes, (10.)

Miguel Rodrigues

Reading

5 Read the article. What is different about this house swap?

HOUSE SWAP WITH A DIFFERENCE

Swapping your house with another family is one thing. But would you be happy to swap not only your house but also your business? This is exactly what two families decided to do.

Ana and José Gutierrez, and their 12-year-old son Ruben live in a huge villa in Cancún, Mexico. The house, which they run as a hotel, has six guest bedrooms, a swimming pool, and an extensive yard with a picturesque garden.

For a nice change, they decided to swap lives with Nancy and Mark Lennon and their 16-year-old daughter Lisa, a family from Newport, Rhode Island, a seaside town in northeastern United States. The Lennons run a bed and breakfast, which has ten rooms and a deck with a view of the ocean.

After last summer, the family decided to spend a year in Mexico, to see how different life could be. So they contacted the Gutierrez family and made the swap.

So how did the life swap go? "It was wonderful!" says Nancy Lennon. "It was probably the best thing we've ever done. When we arrived at this beautiful villa, it was like a dream. The yard and gardens were so beautiful, with flowers everywhere. And the rooms are filled with antique furniture and paintings made by local artists."

Her husband Mark agreed. "It is such a pretty area. And there is so much to do. On our days off we swam in the ocean and went hiking. The only difficult part was being away from our friends and family for so long. After a year, we were getting a little homesick."

The Gutierrez family also enjoyed the swap. "Living in the US was great," said José. "Everyone was so friendly. We still exchange emails with guests who stayed at the bed and breakfast. In fact, some of our guests have made reservations to stay at our hotel here in Mexico."

"And we loved serving meals on the deck," Ana added. "I'll miss watching the sunset every night. But there's one thing I never got used to: American breakfasts—eggs, bacon, sausage . . . We made it for our guests, but we couldn't eat it ourselves. It's not good for you. Back home we have fruit and fresh bread. It's much healthier, and easier to prepare, too."

Both families found the life swap experience very interesting. The Lennon family is even thinking of doing another swap next year. "We want to do it again, but this time farther away," says Nancy. "We're thinking about swapping with a family in Mongolia!"

6 Read the article again. Then mark each sentence true (T) or false (F).

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| <p>_____ 1. The Gutierrez family owns a home in the US.</p> <p>_____ 2. The villa in Mexico has six guest bedrooms and a swimming pool.</p> <p>_____ 3. The Lennon family owns a bed and breakfast.</p> <p>_____ 4. The Lennon family thought that Cancún was dull.</p> | <p>_____ 5. Nancy and Mark missed their family and friends in the US.</p> <p>_____ 6. The Gutierrez family had trouble making friends in Newport.</p> <p>_____ 7. The Gutierrez family really liked American-style breakfasts.</p> <p>_____ 8. The Lennon family hopes to do another house swap next year.</p> |
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Vocabulary

- 1a** Match the adjectives in column A to their opposites in column B.

A	B
1. modern _____	a. polluted
2. ugly _____	b. enormous
3. tiny _____	c. picturesque
4. clean _____	d. lively
5. noisy _____	e. historic
6. dull _____	f. peaceful

- b** Use words from Exercise 1a to complete the sentences.

- I love that there is nobody on the beach at this time of year. It's very _____.
- We enjoyed walking around the _____ city center. Some of the buildings are 200 years old.
- You must see Sofia's new apartment. It's _____. It's twice the size of her old place.
- The problem with big cities like Bangkok is that the air is very dirty. They are very _____.
- New York is such a _____ city. There's always something exciting to see or do.
- The view over the river from our hotel was very _____. It looked like a postcard!
- Brasília is a _____ city, with a lot of new office towers and hotels.
- It was a small town, and there was nothing to do there. It was really _____.
- Jennifer's apartment is across the street from a dance club. Her neighborhood is so _____ at night.
- I know why Italian cars are so _____. It's because the streets are so narrow.
- Our hotel room was _____. The walls were painted in very bright colors which hurt our eyes.
- I was impressed by how _____ the city was. I never saw any garbage on the street.

Grammar

- 2** Complete the sentences with a comparative form of the words from the box.

expensive	modern	long	small
peaceful	heavy	close	bad

- It's very noisy in here. Should we go somewhere _____?
- The meal was cheap. I expected it to be _____.
- Your suitcase feels light. Mine is much _____.
- The style is a little old-fashioned. I was looking for something _____.
- That hotel is a long way from the center. Can't you find anything _____?
- This table is enormous. Do you have anything _____?
- The service in the restaurant was excellent. I thought it would be _____.
- Do you have to leave tomorrow? Can't you stay a little _____?

- 3** Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the words in parentheses.

- London is not _____ (good) city to live in.
- Hotels in Cancún are _____ (expensive) hotels in Mazatlan.
- Rio de Janeiro is _____ (hot) city I have ever been to.
- Tokyo is a busy city. The atmosphere in Kyoto is _____ (relaxed).
- Lima has some of the _____ (beautiful) mosaics in the world.
- New York is one of _____ (lively) cities I know.
- Vienna is beautiful, but Prague was _____ (romantic).
- People in Paris seem _____ (busy) than people in St. Tropez.
- The traffic in Rio de Janeiro is _____ (bad) than the traffic in Brasília.
- I think that the night life in Lima is _____ (lively) than the night life in Huacho.

4 Read the interview. Then answer the questions below.

Think your city is best?

The latest issue of *Cities Ranked and Rated* is just out. This book describes the top cities in the USA. But what is it that makes a metropolis great (or bad)? We interviewed the editors of *Cities Ranked and Rated* to find out.

I: How did you decide who makes it to the top?

CRR: We look at over a hundred pieces of information about each place. We group those into nine categories including economy and jobs, cost of living, climate, education, arts and culture. Then we press a button on the computer, and that's how we get the top ten.

I: In general, what places make it to the top of the list?

CRR: Cities with a university do especially well. They have plenty to do, nice city centers, pleasant surroundings, and usually they aren't too crowded. The strength in higher education tends to affect all levels of education, and most have excellent health-care facilities. Then there are the state capitals, which tend to be clean, have a good economic situation, and lots of cultural facilities—these are also good.

I: Were there any surprises in your findings?

CRR: Yes, quite a few. For instance, highly ranked cities are found all across the country, not just on the sunny coastlines like everybody thinks. There are a few interesting cities that we call the "Big City Bargains." These are big cities with a low cost of living, like Pittsburgh and Indianapolis.

I: And what about the bad news? Why does a city end up at the bottom of your list?

CRR: Areas at the bottom typically have high levels of unemployment and crime and a high cost of living

combined with low levels of education, few facilities, and not much to do. However, most of these cities recognize that there are problems, and they are actively working to improve.

I: If I'm young and single, just starting out, what places would I find attractive?

CRR: Younger single people are interested in places with jobs where they can build their careers and make money. They want lively cities with lots to do, and a lot of other single people, too! Of course, the top ten cities would all be good places to live, but for singles in particular we would choose the Norfolk area in Virginia and San Antonio, Texas.

I: And what if I have a family with kids? Is that different?

CRR: Yes. Families look for many things, including good and affordable housing, quality education, and more daytime facilities like parks, museums, and outdoor recreation.

I: And how about older people who are starting to think about retirement? What do they look for?

CRR: Well, that is the important thing about this book, it won't just help you decide where you should be now, it'll help you to plan for the future, too. People who are planning to retire soon are thinking more about health care, leisure, and the overall cost of living and less about jobs, housing costs, and education.

1. The authors decided on the top cities by _____.
 - a. asking people about their favorite cities
 - b. looking at the population of each city
 - c. comparing statistics about each city
2. Cities with a lot of people in higher education also tend to _____.
 - a. have a low cost of living
 - b. have good hospitals and doctors
 - c. come near the bottom of the list
3. The top cities _____.
 - a. are found on the coasts
 - b. are cheap to live in
 - c. are spread across the country

4. Cities at the bottom of the list _____.
 - a. don't realize that there is a problem
 - b. have a lot of people who do not work
 - c. are cheap to live in
5. Young single people look for cities _____.
 - a. where they can get good jobs
 - b. where there are a lot of parks and museums
 - c. which are cheap to live in
6. Older people are not so interested in _____.
 - a. parks and museums
 - b. the price of houses
 - c. the cost of living

Vocabulary

- 1 Complete the sentences with compound nouns from the box.

washing machine	DVD player
air conditioner	cell phone
burglar alarm	alarm clock

- Could I borrow your _____? I need to wake up early tomorrow.
- Can you put all the dirty clothes in the _____?
- It's hot! Let's turn on the _____.
- You can call her on my _____.
- They stole everything. We have a _____, but I forgot to turn it on.
- Do you have a _____ so we can watch this movie?

Grammar

- 2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- at/probably/party/you/the/see/we'll

- not/he/want/might/come/to

- airport/us/may/they/at/meet/the

- call/Simmons/the/Mrs./about/contract/might

- for/you/table/reserve/eight o'clock/could/a
_____?
- you/buy/do/house/think/you/the/might
_____?
- week/I/be/until/next/won't/probably/back

- 3 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box.

won't arrive	might come	could
won't need	may have	'll rain
might become	'll probably need	

- The manager probably _____ until later.
- I can't find my umbrella. Do you think it _____?
- A: When is Marc coming to see us?
B: Possibly this weekend. He _____ on Saturday.
- Bring the map with you. We _____ it to find their house.
- I haven't been well recently. I _____ to go to the clinic.
- There is nobody here today. _____ you call back next week?
- You can take the laptop. I probably _____ it today.
- He's very good at painting. He _____ an artist.

Communication

- 4a Delete the nine extra words in the dialog.

- _____ Good morning. Downtown Bank. Can I to help you?
- _____ Thank you. I'll just put you through. In one moment.
- _____ Certainly so.
- _____ Yes, this is Jeff Coffin. I'm returning for his call.
- _____ Yes, I'd very like to speak to Mr. Allen, please.
- _____ I'm afraid he's on the other line at the moment. Would you like to call he back later?
- _____ May I ask who's calling me, please?
- _____ Could he call me at the office? He has my number. I'll be here always until 7:00 P.M. Thank you. Goodbye.
- _____ Could I to leave a message?
- _____ Goodbye.

- b Number the lines of dialog in Exercise 4a in the correct order.

Reading

5a Read the article and match the paragraphs to the headings.

_____ How your house will change

_____ Your clothes will know where you are

_____ Predictions that were wrong

_____ Changes in information technology

How technology will rule our lives in the future

A In 1977, when Ken Olson, the president, and founder of Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC), was asked about the future of computers, he stated, "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." On the other hand, Science fiction writer H.G.Wells predicted that people would not need cars. He believed that **public transportation** of the future would consist of a system of moving walkways that carried people to their destinations. Ford motor company did some research in 1950, and concluded that people would be buying and using flying cars.

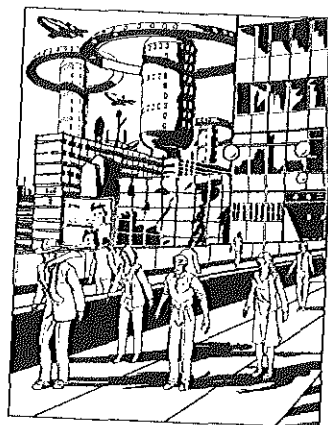
B Neither of these technological predictions has been very accurate, so what do we think will really change? The answer is probably not that we will have lots of new inventions, but that information technology will transform our day-to-day lives. The big **trend** that is going to change things is the way we transmit information. In other words, by 2020 everything large enough to carry a microchip will probably have one, and from there the possibilities are endless.

C "Smart" kitchen appliances could be connected to the Internet, making all of them interactive. For example, your fridge could sense when the

food inside it is past its **use-by date** and order more food from the store so you don't have to shop. When it's time to pay your utility bills for electricity and gas, a screen on your oven could send you a **reminder** to pay them. We

could wash our clothes in washing machines that contact service technicians when there is a problem. The machine would automatically arrange a time for a technician to come and post that information in the calendar on your **laptop**.

D We may use other devices that automatically change your cell phone to different **settings**, depending on whether you are in your work or casual clothing. No more work calls in the café, and no more friends' text messages in the middle of business meetings. Does this all sound a little bit frightening? Well, don't worry. Just remember that even H. G. Wells got the future wrong!



b Mark the statements true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 1. Ken Olson thought that in the future everyone would want computers in their homes.
- _____ 2. In the future, more objects will probably carry microchips.
- _____ 3. Fridges will order your food.
- _____ 4. It is possible that the washing machine will contact a service technician itself.
- _____ 5. We might receive bill reminders from our oven.
- _____ 6. We will probably have to wear the same clothes at work and when we go out.

c Complete the sentences with the words in **bold** from the article.

1. There is a new _____ in cell phone ring tones. They're based on real songs.
2. I need to change the _____ on my phone. But I haven't taken the time to do it.
3. You should check the _____ on that cheese. I bought it three weeks ago!
4. The best thing about living in Washington, D.C. is the _____. It is so easy to get around.
5. We should send them a(n) _____ to pay the bill.
6. I just bought a new _____. It's much better than my old desktop!

UNIT 3

Review

1 Unscramble the words in parentheses to complete the sentences.

1. She lives in a _____ (wntosehou).
2. My apartment is on the fifth _____ (rolof), and there's no elevator.
3. It is a residential _____ (godoheinrob).
4. Look out of the window. What a fantastic _____ (wiev)!
5. They live a long way from downtown, in the _____ (burssub).
6. It's a beautiful house, but a little bit _____ (ldo-saofinehd).
7. There is a _____ (ualcpeef) park near here, where we can escape the noise.
8. It's a fun city—very _____ (vilely).
9. The office is in a _____ (crstohii) building, built in 1822.
10. Should we have breakfast on the _____ (clanybo)?

2 Correct the mistakes.

1. A: Are you going to Japan again this year?
B: No. We going to Canada instead.
2. I don't think I go to the movie tonight because I'm too tired.
3. Who is meet us at the airport?
4. We getting married in June.
5. A: Have you decided which one you want to buy yet?
B: Yes. I will to take this one, please.
6. We're going see Andrea tomorrow. Do you want to come with us?
7. A: I'm really hungry.
B: OK. I will to make us some lunch now.
8. A: What are you doing this weekend?
B: We will go to visit my mother-in-law.
9. Do you will come with us to the office?
10. Can you tell Jonathan I see him later?
11. Do you coming to the stadium to watch the soccer game?
12. Sue is leave for Brazil tonight. I promised to give her a ride to the airport.

3 Complete the sentences using the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

1. I love the Peruvian countryside. It's even _____ (picturesque) I expected.
2. Rio de Janeiro's *carnival* is fantastic. It's probably the _____ (lively) carnival in the world.
3. The tsunami hit some of the _____ (unspoiled) beaches in Asia.
4. The week we spent in a Buddhist temple was probably the _____ (peaceful) week in my life.
5. There is nothing to do there. It's the _____ (dull) part of the city.
6. I think it would look better if it were _____ (modern).
7. They have stopped cars from driving downtown, so now it is much _____ (polluted).
8. My mother-in-law cleaned the house. It's _____ (clean) than it has ever been before!
9. In my opinion, the town is much _____ (touristy) than it was a few years ago.

4 Correct the compound noun mistakes.

1. I didn't wake up in time because I forgot to set my washing machine.
2. When she opened the door the DVD player went off, and soon the police arrived.
3. I don't have anything to wear because my clothes are all in the alarm clock.
4. Can you set the burglar alarm to record this movie at nine o'clock?
5. My new car has cell phone, which I use when it is really hot.
6. Can I use your washing machine? I need to call my office.

- 5** Write sentences using the cues and the words in parentheses.
- (probably) we/see you/at the restaurant

 - (might) do you think/she/say "Yes"
_____?
 - (going) I think/I/be late/for the lesson

 - (definitely not) you/need/to change money

 - (may) we/not/get an answer/until tomorrow

 - (definitely) I/call her again in the morning

 - (could) she/arrive/at any time

 - (probably not) Rosa/go/to Colombia next year

 - (might not) he/accept/the job he was offered

 - (probably not) we/stay/for long

6a Complete the dialog with words from the box.

Could this is	Can call	about the	ask like	not leave
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- Good morning. Casa Bruno. _____
I help you?
- _____ he call me back? My number
is ...
- Hello. I'd _____ to speak to Mr.
Marconi, please.
- Yes, _____ Gabriella Saltini. I'm
calling _____ the new designs.
- May I _____ who's calling?
- Can I _____ a message?
- I'm afraid he's _____ here at the
moment. Would you like to _____
back later?
- Certainly. What's _____ message?

b Now put the lines in Exercise 6a in correct order.

7 Rewrite the sentences. Use the words in parentheses but keep the same meaning.

- Juan is much taller than Diego.
(as) Diego _____.
- London is more expensive than New York.
(cheap) New York _____.
- More tourists visit Beijing now than they did
ten years ago.
(touristy) Beijing _____
before.
- I have never seen a city which is more
picturesque than Florence.
(most) Florence _____.
- The old museum was not as modern as the
new one.
(modern) The new museum _____.
- Most cities are dirtier than Singapore.
(one) Singapore is _____.
- More things happen in Shanghai nowadays.
(busier) Shanghai _____
recently.
- The west coast of the island has not had so
many visitors.
(unspoiled) The west coast _____.
- Los Angeles is more polluted than San
Francisco.
(not) San Francisco _____.

