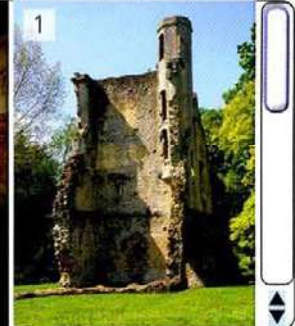


## 55 I can describe old and new

### A An old house

... we saw this amazing, **dilapidated** house, **formerly** owned by a wealthy family but then **abandoned** at the end of the century. Some features like the oak staircase are very well **preserved**, but most of it is pretty **run-down** and has **fallen into decay**. It could be a lot of fun **renovating** it, though. It has old **stables**, which I'd like to convert into an **ultra-modern** kitchen. There are also the **ruins** of a **medieval tower**! I'd love to **trace** the history of the place ...



#### Glossary

<b>dilapidated</b>	(of a building) old and in very bad condition. <b>SYNS</b> run-down, ramshackle.
<b>formerly</b>	in earlier times. <b>SYN</b> previously.
<b>abandon sth</b>	leave a place, vehicle, etc. empty without planning to return.
<b>preserve sth</b>	keep sth in its original state or in good condition. <b>preservation</b> N.
<b>fall into decay/</b> <b>disrepair</b>	gradually be destroyed through lack of care.
<b>renovate sth</b>	repair and decorate an old building, car, etc. <b>SYN</b> do sth up <b>INF</b> .
<b>stables</b>	buildings in which horses are kept.
<b>ultra-(modern)</b>	extremely (modern) (also <b>ultra-cautious</b> ).
<b>ruins</b>	parts of a building that remain after it has been destroyed. ( <b>Remains</b> are parts of objects and buildings that have been discovered recently. <b>Human/animal remains</b> are bones or dead bodies.)
<b>medieval</b>	connected with <b>the Middle Ages</b> (= about 1000 to 1450).
<b>trace sth (back) (to sth)</b>	find the origin or cause of sth.

#### 1 Cross out the word that is wrong in each sentence. Write the correct word at the end.

- The company deals in extra-modern, contemporary furniture. \_\_\_\_\_
- The weather has meant that the building is in a poor state of destruction. \_\_\_\_\_
- They discovered the ruins of a dead sheep at the end of the field. \_\_\_\_\_
- She keeps the horses in the estables at night. \_\_\_\_\_
- The war left the whole area on ruins, with countless run-down buildings. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mumbai, formally known as Bombay, has a population of 15 million. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 Complete the dialogues. More than one word may be correct.

- The building used to be a prison, didn't it? ~ No, it was \_\_\_\_\_ a hospital.
- Are you going to do the place \_\_\_\_\_? ~ Yes, we plan \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- It's in a bad state, isn't it? ~ Yes, it's very \_\_\_\_\_.
- It fell into \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. ~ Yes, it was \_\_\_\_\_ by the owner.
- We can restore it to its original condition. ~ Yes, we should \_\_\_\_\_ old buildings.
- It dates from the \_\_\_\_\_ Ages, I believe. ~ That's right, it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why is he using the internet so much? ~ He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ his family history.
- That style's very fashionable just now. ~ Yes, it's \_\_\_\_\_ modern.



## B Old and new objects



**Brand new** Sasko G5000 mobile phone – **cutting-edge** technology at its very best.



**Genuine antique** grandfather clock. The 8-day mechanism is in **mint condition**.



**Innovative** anti-snore **device** – clips on to sleeper's nose for a good night's sleep.



**Reproduction antique** Egyptian statue of the goddess Bastet.



**Up-to-date** guidebook to Korea – **second-hand** but **good as new**.



**Fully reconditioned** exercise bike with original **packaging** and instructions.

### Glossary

<b>brand new</b>	completely new.	<b>genuine</b>	exactly what it appears to be; real. SYN <b>authentic</b> .
<b>cutting-edge (technology)</b>	the most advanced (technology) in the field.	<b>antique</b>	old, and often very valuable. <b>antique</b> N.
<b>innovative</b>	featuring or introducing new ideas, methods, etc.	<b>in mint condition</b>	new or as good as new. SYN <b>in perfect condition</b> .
<b>device</b>	an object or piece of equipment designed to do a particular job.	<b>reproduction</b>	a thing made as a copy of an earlier object or style. <b>reproduce</b> sth v.
<b>up to date</b>	modern ( <b>out of date</b> = old-fashioned, or without the most recent information and therefore no longer useful).	<b>ancient</b>	belonging to a period of history from thousands of years ago.
<b>second-hand</b>	not new; owned by sb else before.	<b>reconditioned</b>	(of a machine) repaired so that it is in good condition.
<b>(as) good as new</b>	in very good condition (also <b>like new</b> ADV).	<b>packaging</b>	materials used to wrap and protect goods sold in shops.

### 3 Complete the phrases.

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|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 _____ of date      | 3 _____ as new  | 5 brand _____  |
| 2 in _____ condition | 4 cutting _____ | 6 second-_____ |

### 4 Complete the sentences.

- A battery charger is an extremely useful energy-saving \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's a beautifully made, 18<sup>th</sup>-century \_\_\_\_\_ clock. At least, I hope it's genuine!
- There were earrings like it thousands of years ago in \_\_\_\_\_ Greece, and now they make \_\_\_\_\_ of them and sell them in tourist shops.
- We bought a second-hand lawnmower – it was fully \_\_\_\_\_, and it was fantastic value.
- I don't want a copy of the clock. I want a \_\_\_\_\_ antique.
- Shops often sell more goods if they're displayed in attractive \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our small factory \_\_\_\_\_ antique clocks and we sell them on the internet.
- They want something really \_\_\_\_\_ to date, and they're awarding a prize for the most \_\_\_\_\_ design.



Remember to test yourself