

block (n)
central (adj)
complex (n)
construct (v)
construction (n)

contemporary (adj)
development (n)
external (adj)
housing estate (n)
impressive (adj)

internal (adj)
location (n)
luxury (adj)
property (n)
surround (v)

A Match the words from the box to the photos and sentences.

block complex construction contemporary external
housing estate impressive luxury property surrounded



1 I prefer _____ architecture.



2 They live on a _____.



3 The _____ walls need painting.



4 They're doing _____ work in the area.



5 What an _____ building!



6 We live on the tenth floor of a tower _____.



7 What do you think of the new sports _____?



8 There is a lot of _____ for sale in the area.



9 They live in a _____ apartment.



10 My house is _____ by fields.

B Choose the best words or phrases to complete the sentences.

- The government has announced plans to *construct* / *surround* six new hospitals this year.
- One of the features of *central* / *contemporary* architecture is the use of new building materials.
- The land opposite my house has been bought for *development* / *property*.
- The building has some attractive *external* / *internal* features, including a patio.
- Their apartment has no *internal* / *luxury* walls – it's completely open.
- The *construction* / *location* of their house is ideal for walking in the country.
- Our flat is very *central* / *impressive* – there are lots of shops and restaurants nearby.
- They're building a new *housing block* / *housing estate* on the outskirts of town.

C Complete the text. Use one word from the vocabulary list for each space. Use the correct form of the words.

A nine-billion-pound project is currently in progress on the banks of the River Thames in London. It concerns the ¹ _____ of a 1.5 km-long piece of land in the district of Battersea. The area is famous for being the ² _____ of Battersea Power Station, the largest brick structure in Europe. This ³ _____ building once provided London with a fifth of its electricity. The power station closed in 1983, and now ⁴ _____ work is being carried out to convert the building into a cultural and leisure ⁵ _____, with shops and restaurants. This new development will be ⁶ _____ by offices and ⁷ _____ of flats. Work began in 2013 – both inside and outside the power station – and the completed space is selling fast. ⁸ _____ in London is incredibly expensive, and people have paid up to four million pounds for one of the ⁹ _____ flats. There will also be a new underground station, called Battersea Power Station, which will be very ¹⁰ _____ – just a short walk from the shops and flats.