

# 大学阅读教程 1 课后答案

## unit7 home truths

### understanding the text

#### part a

1. when British people say my home is my castle what do they mean?

a castle was a very strong building specifically built to keep the people inside safe and secure. the expression, therefore, means that the home is a place where the owner feels safe from the outside world and where the outside world cannot enter without his permission. he is protected and secure there. this is a very common expression use to describe the attitude of English people towards their homes.

2. what are the two main reasons why British people like spending lots of money on their homes?

one reason is that the house costs so much to buy that it makes good sense to maintain it and even improve it as much as possible. the other reason is that the home is, in a way, a reflection of the owner. how the house looks to other people tells them something about The person who owns it. therefore.

the owner wants to make sure it reflects a good image of him or herself.

3. what is a mortgage?

it is a loan from a bank or other financial company that is used specifically to buy a house with. it is paid back over a number of years sometimes as many as 25 years.

4. what impact did the industrial revolution have on people's ideas about homes?

before the industrial revolution the home was much more than simple a house that you happened to be living in at that time. it had a history of family life of ancestors of relatives and probably of having the same neighbours for generations after the revolution people had to move around much more and the home became more of a place that you were living in at that time and all the other things were lost.

5. what is trading up?

trading up means buying a house that is relatively cheap keeping it for a few years until it and the owners income have increased and then selling it to buy a more expensive property . this process is

repeated several times over each property being more expensive than the one before.

**part b**

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**part c**

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**part d**

1.property prices increased by this amount in the 1990s.

2.1682the year in which sir Edward coke said an English man's home is his castle.

3.the number of new homes built each year in Britain.

4.pots of paint sold by a single British company in one year.

5.average price of British home in 2001.