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Home truths

VOCABULARY Homes (adjectives)

1 * Complete the adjectives for describing homes.

o rganized

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1 ___osy | 5 ___ecycled |
| 2 ___ndoor | 6 ___raditional |
| 3 ___arrow | 7 ___asic |
| 4 ___loomy | 8 ___uxurious |

2 ** Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

brand-new cosy light luxurious organized
outdoor uncomfortable wide



The living room is very cosy.



1 This building has an _____ pool.



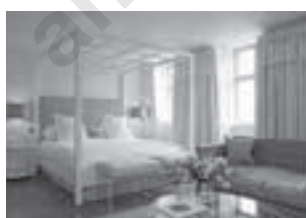
2 My street isn't very _____.



3 The kitchen is very _____.



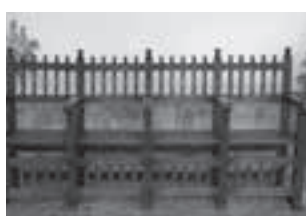
4 Juan has a _____ bike.



5 This is such a _____ hotel!



6 The bedroom is very _____.



7 These chairs are so _____.

3 ** 1.1 Choose the correct answers. Listen and check.

The indoor / organized / outdoor pool is nice in the winter.

- This is a up-to-date / gloomy / cosy bedroom with all these cushions.
- Sarah likes her bedroom to be organized / narrow / wide.
- I don't want a disorganized / cosy / traditional home. I'd like to live on a boat.
- It's a very narrow / traditional / wide room, so there isn't much space for furniture.
- There's only one small window in the dining room so it's quite light / gloomy / recycled.
- He has just a bed – it's a very luxurious / indoor / basic room.
- The furniture isn't new. It's all made from traditional / recycled / brand-new materials.
- In London we stayed in a basic / up-to-date / luxurious five-star hotel.

4 *** 1.2 Complete the text with adjectives for homes. Listen and check.



My uncle lives in a forest in a small house that he built using recycled wood. I love staying with him, especially in winter. When it's cold outside, we light a real fire, so it's ¹ _____ inside. The windows are big, so it's never ² _____ – it's always very light inside. My uncle only has a bed, a large table, four chairs and a cupboard – it's a very ³ _____ house! He's an artist, and he keeps his paints and brushes on the table, but he can easily find what he needs because he is very ⁴ _____. There's a small bathroom inside, but there's an ⁵ _____ shower in the garden that you can use when it's hot in the summer.

Hi, we're Sarah and Jamie!

We're twins. We're also travel bloggers with an interest in tourism that doesn't destroy our planet.



We've always been fascinated by Earthships. We read about them in a travel magazine and we often thought it would be fun to stay in one. While we were planning our family trip around New Mexico, we learned that there were lots of these amazing buildings in Taos, so we immediately booked a stay in one. It was the part of the trip that we were looking forward to most and we weren't disappointed by the experience!

Earthships are very unusual-looking homes. They're long and narrow, and they're made from natural materials and stuff that we throw away, such as old tyres and glass bottles. They're built into hills and they use solar and wind power to generate electricity. The water comes from rainwater collected on the roof. Ours was one of the cosiest and most comfortable places we've ever stayed in.

We loved so many things about our Earthship. The windows were huge, rectangular pieces of glass. I'd imagined these buildings might be gloomy inside, but ours was full of sunlight, helping an enormous collection of indoor plants to grow.

Our little bedroom was really cosy, with brightly coloured blankets and rugs. You'll probably know that Jamie isn't a fan of snakes. While we were getting ready for bed one night, we saw one on the floor. After that, our bedroom windows were tightly closed every night!

Then there were the walls with circular patterns of coloured glass from recycled bottles, reminding me of beautiful old church windows. And the doors, each one a little different, were all made from recycled wood. Clearly, some very creative people had helped to design these Earthships.

Of course, the desert location was fantastic. We saw some of the best sunsets we've ever seen and, when we were awake early enough, some pretty nice sunrises, too! The desert sky was like nothing we've ever experienced. I know this sounds silly, but the sky in the desert is just ... bigger!

When it was time to pack our bags and leave, we were very sad.



1 Read the introduction and first paragraph. What do you think the blog post is about?

- a building an unusual house
- b staying in an unusual building
- c interesting places to visit in New Mexico

2 1.3 Read and listen to the whole article. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- In Sarah and Jamie's opinion, tourists should help to protect the environment. T
- 1 They didn't know anything about Earthships before they stayed in one.
 - 2 Earthships are made from recycled materials.
 - 3 They enjoyed staying in the Earthship and thought it was a very attractive building.
 - 4 It was quite dark inside the Earthship.
 - 5 Jamie wasn't concerned when they found a snake on the floor of their bedroom.
 - 6 They watched the sunrise every morning during their stay.

3 Word Power Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

circular rectangular ~~round~~ square triangular

- Apples and oranges are round fruits.
- 1 The swimming pool is . It's ten metres long and four metres wide.
 - 2 My bedroom measures four metres by four metres. It's a room.
 - 3 The Colosseum in Rome isn't a building – it's actually an oval!
 - 4 The Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt has a square base and four sides.

GRAMMAR Past simple and past continuous; *used to*

1 * Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

running. / I slipped / ice while / on the / I was
I slipped on the ice while I was running.

1 was / the restaurant. / I met / I / working /
 Ed while / at

2 Lara / were / you / a shower. / called while /
 having

3 reading when / she / I was / arrived.

4 was / while I / cooking / were / TV. / dinner, they /
 watching

5 he / Dan / news while / travelling. / got the / was

2 ** Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

burn chat cycle drive listen see

I heard a great song while I was listening to the radio.

1 When I _____ her, she was walking down Green Street.

2 I fell off my bike while I _____ home.

3 He _____ his hand while he was cooking.

4 They _____ when the accident happened.

5 They _____ together when I arrived.

3 *** 1.4 Complete the sentences. Put one verb in the past simple and the other in the past continuous. Listen and check.

when / James / arrive / I / clean / the kitchen
When James arrived, I was cleaning the kitchen.

1 it / rain / when / I / wake up / this morning

2 when / we / get / home / the children / watch / TV

3 he / meet / Hannah / while / he / travel /
 around Europe

4 I / have / dinner / when / Lucy / call

5 while / I / clean / under the sofa / I / find /
 my keys

4 ** Complete the sentences with *use to* or *used to*.

I didn't use to like fish when I was a child.

1 I _____ travel to work by bus but these days I usually go by bike.

2 She didn't _____ speak English very well but now she speaks it fluently.

3 They _____ live in London before they moved to Paris.

4 Did you _____ go skiing a lot when you lived in Switzerland?

5 We didn't _____ have much money when we were students.

5 *** 1.5 Complete the dialogue. Listen and check.



Izzy: Hey, Dad! Look at my new tennis racquet!

Dad: Nice! I used to play tennis when I was younger.

Izzy: Did you ¹ _____ to play at school?

Dad: No, I ² _____. We didn't ³ _____ to play tennis at my school. We ⁴ _____ to play cricket in the summer, and I also did a lot of athletics. Running was my favourite sport. I ⁵ _____ to run for my school.

Izzy: Really? I hate running!

Dad: Do you? You ran a lot when you were little. We ⁶ _____ to run around the park together.

Izzy: Yes, but that was when I was three, Dad!

VOCABULARY and LISTENING Homes (nouns)

1 * Look at the pictures and write the words.



countryside



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____

2 ** Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

air conditioning attic basement central heating
garage indoors neighbourhood

He's got three sports cars in his garage.

- 1 Go outside! You spend too long _____.
- 2 It's hot inside. The _____ isn't working.
- 3 Their flat's in the _____ so it's a bit gloomy.
- 4 I grew up in a cold house without any _____.
- 5 We live in a really friendly _____ - people always stop and chat when they see you.
- 6 We keep lots of stuff in the _____ at the top of the house.

3 *** Complete the text with homes nouns.

When I was a child, my family used to live in the suburbs. We had a big flat and a ¹ _____ so we could sit outside in the summer. But my parents decided to move to the ² _____ because they wanted to get out of the city, so we moved to an old farmhouse. I loved living there. I spent a lot of time ³ _____, going for walks or sitting by the lake. Because the house was made of stone, we didn't need ⁴ _____ as it always stayed cool. In the winter, the fire in the ⁵ _____ kept us warm.

4 1.6 Listen to the dialogue. Who says these sentences? Write S for Sophie and T for Tom.



- '... your house is looking nice.' S
- 1 'Actually, it was ten years ago!' _____
 - 2 'I've never been very tidy!' _____
 - 3 '... this used to be the girls' playroom ...' _____
 - 4 'We've made a few other changes, too.' _____
 - 5 'Has anyone been to stay yet?' _____
 - 6 '... they used to sleep on the sofa ...' _____

5 1.6 Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- Sophie says Tom's house hasn't changed. F
- 1 Sophie last came to Tom's house eight years ago. _____
 - 2 Tom's children are very young. _____
 - 3 The living room used to be a playroom. _____
 - 4 Tom has just put a table tennis table in the basement. _____
 - 5 Lucy's parents are coming to stay with Tom and Lucy soon. _____

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How long is it since Sophie last came to Tom and Lucy's house?
a eight years b nine years c ten years
- 2 Which room is now a bedroom for visitors?
a the basement b the living room
c the attic
- 3 In the past, what was in the basement?
a toys b books
c a table tennis table
- 4 What is in the basement now?
a a table, a lamp and a bed b a bed
c a bed and a table

GRAMMAR Present perfect simple and past simple

1 * Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions with the present perfect.

already / concert / has / started. / the
The concert has already started.

- we've / paid / bill. / just / the
- reply / I / received / yet. / haven't / Sophie / a / from
- already / chosen / main course. / I've / my
- to / USA? / have / ever / you / been / the
- my / never / has / aunt / food. / eaten / Thai
- your / ordered / have / you / yet? / food

2 ** Choose the correct answers.

(I've lost) I lost my new phone. Could you help me look for it?

- I knew / I've known Jo since we were at primary school.
- He's started / He started his job over six months ago.
- Have you ever been / Did you ever go skiing in France?
- Rebecca isn't ready to leave. She *didn't have / hasn't had* a shower yet.
- I've slept / I slept for twelve hours last night. I was really tired!
- Look how tall he is! He's really *grew / grown* since the last time I saw him!

3 ** 1.7 Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs in the box. Listen and check.

break ~~come out~~ finish invite
 know not have see

The sun has just come out so we're going to the beach.

- I'm hungry. I _____ dinner yet.
- She _____ just _____ her essay.
- How long _____ your best friend?
- Poor Naomi _____ her arm!
- I _____ just _____ Ed in town.
- They _____ already _____ twenty people to the party.

4 *** Choose two correct options to complete the sentences.

I've lived here

a for ten years. b since 2015.

c in 2015.

- Hannah went to the café
 a since 5 o'clock. b an hour ago.
 c at ten o'clock.
- I moved to Paris
 a five years ago. b since 2018.
 c in 2018.
- I've seen that film
 a last year. b before.
 c three times.
- She's been to the theatre
 a recently. b lots of times.
 c two years ago.
- Dom started working at that restaurant
 a since August. b three months ago.
 c in August.

5 *** 1.8 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.



Amy: When did you move (move) to Edinburgh?

Isa: We ¹ _____ (come) here in 2017, so we ² _____ (live) here for two years.

Amy: Ah, so you ³ _____ (not be) in Edinburgh for very long, then.

Isa: No. The first year we ⁴ _____ (live) in a flat near the centre. We ⁵ _____ (buy) this flat last year.

Amy: ⁶ _____ (rent) your first flat?

Isa: Yes, we wanted to find out about the city before buying a place to live.

SPEAKING Asking for permission

1 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.



absolutely afraid allowed could
no problem of course possible

Will: You have a beautiful home! I'd love to live here while I'm studying. Can I see the bedroom?

Alice: Of course! This is it.

Will: It's really nice. Would it be ¹ _____ to move the desk to the window?

Alice: Yes, that's ² _____ fine. I'll ask my husband to do it.

Will: Great – that would be really helpful. I have a pet tortoise. ³ _____ I keep her in my room?

Alice: I'm ⁴ _____ I don't allow pets here, Will. I'm sorry.

Will: ⁵ _____. My sister can look after her.

Alice: Are there any other questions you'd like to ask?

Will: Erm, am I ⁶ _____ to put my own pictures on the wall?

Alice: Of course. No problem! So when would you like to move in?

Will: How about next Monday?

Alice: Perfect.

2 1.9 Listen and number the phrases in the order you hear them.

- ☐ a Am I allowed to work downstairs?
- ☐ b Oh sure, I understand. It won't happen often.
- ☒ 1 c Lovely, it looks perfect!
- ☐ d Is it OK to have people come and stay?
- ☐ e Yes, of course. Free Wi-Fi is included.
- ☐ f Would it be possible to work from home ...?

3 1.10 Put the dialogue in order 1–10. Listen and check.

- ☒ 1 a Here's the kitchen. It's quite small, as you can see.
- ☐ b I'm afraid this is a vegetarian house. I thought I mentioned that in the advert.
- ☐ c Yes, and the fridge is big! Would it be possible to have my own cupboard?
- ☐ d Oh good! It's got a new cooker and fridge.
- ☐ e Yes, of course. You can put your food in this one.
- ☐ f Ah, I didn't read that. OK, perhaps I'll look for a room in a different house.
- ☐ g It looks fine. It's bigger than the kitchen in the house where I'm living at the moment.
- ☐ h Yes, that's absolutely fine.
- ☐ i Great. I love cooking for my friends. Is it OK if I cook meat and fish?
- ☐ j Great! And am I allowed to invite friends for dinner?

4 1.11 Complete the dialogue. Listen and check.



Emily: So, as you can see, this is the living room.

Dylan: Nice! Can I spend time in here in the evenings?

Emily: Yes, ¹ _____! It's your home, too!

Dylan: Great! And am I ² _____ to invite my friends here sometimes?

Emily: No ³ _____.

Dylan: And ⁴ _____ if I listen to music in the evenings?

Emily: Yes, that's ⁵ _____ fine. I want you to feel at home here.

Dylan: Just one more thing. Would it ⁶ _____ to have parties here?

Emily: I'm ⁷ _____ I don't allow parties here. It's such a small house.

Dylan: OK, I understand.



Flat with lovely sea view

A bright, spacious flat for two or three people, just five minutes' walk from the centre of Brighton and three minutes' walk to its lovely beaches. Set in a lively neighbourhood, this stylish, attractive flat is perfectly located for people who want to experience Brighton's famous nightlife or just relax on the beach.

The flat has one double ¹ _____ but the large, comfortable sofa can be used as a bed for a third person. There are wide-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi in both the living room and the bedroom, so you'll feel at home from the moment you arrive. The ² _____ has a sofa, two armchairs and a beautiful sea view, and from the bedroom you can see Brighton's famous town centre.

The brand-new ³ _____ has an excellent shower and top-quality towels are provided so you won't need to bring your own.

The ⁴ _____ is well-equipped with full cooking facilities so you can eat in if you prefer. It also includes a large fridge, a dishwasher, a washing machine and a coffee maker. If you feel like eating out, there are several fantastic restaurants and cafés just five minutes' walk away.

You will not be disappointed by this flat!

1 1.12 Complete the text with rooms in the house. Listen and check.

2 Choose the correct answers.

This cosy flat is located in a *well-equipped* / *friendly* / *comfortable* neighbourhood.

- I love the décor in this flat. It's so *brand-new* / *lively* / *stylish*.
- It's a nice room with very *spacious* / *comfortable* / *peaceful* furniture.
- The large bathroom is *quiet* / *well-equipped* / *peaceful* with a shower and a bath.
- They live in a very *lively* / *cosy* / *comfortable* area with lots of cafés and restaurants.

3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

beautiful comfortable lively
peaceful spacious well-equipped

This peaceful village is the perfect place for a relaxing holiday.

- This _____ flat on the ground floor has four double bedrooms.
- The flat's _____ kitchen has a brand-new cooker and a large fridge.
- The stylish living room is large and has a very _____ sofa.
- This _____ neighbourhood is full of fashionable restaurants and cafés.
- There's a _____ view of the sea.

4 Match 1-5 with a-e.

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| 1 The village is very peaceful, so | a you'll find plenty of cafés to go to. |
| 2 The city centre is very lively, so | b we'll definitely be able to cook there. |
| 3 Alfie's flat is really spacious, so | c you won't have any problems with it! |
| 4 It has a very well-equipped kitchen, so | d you'll sleep well while you're there. |
| 5 The television is brand-new, so | e six of us will be able to stay there. |

5 Choose a house from the list and write a description of it for a rental website.

- a modern flat in the city
- an attractive cottage in the countryside
- a spacious house by the sea

REVIEW

UNIT 1

1 Match 1-6 with a-f.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 There's no space for a double bed in this room. | a It's a bit basic. |
| 2 I love the fireplace in this little room. | b It's made from recycled wood. |
| 3 There's no light in here. | c It's so cosy. |
| 4 This room only has two chairs and a TV. | d It's all very organized. |
| 5 This table isn't new. | e It's really gloomy. |
| 6 Everything is in a drawer or a box. | f It's too narrow. |

2 1.13 Choose the correct answers. Listen and check.

I was *hearing* / heard your motorbike while I was sitting in the garden.

- The children were *watching* / *watched* TV when we got there.
- He *fell* / *was falling* off his bike while he was cycling to work.
- It was starting to snow *while* / *when* we arrived in the village.
- Nadia texted me while I *had* / *was having* a shower.
- I visited Enrique while I *was travelling* / *travelled* around Spain.

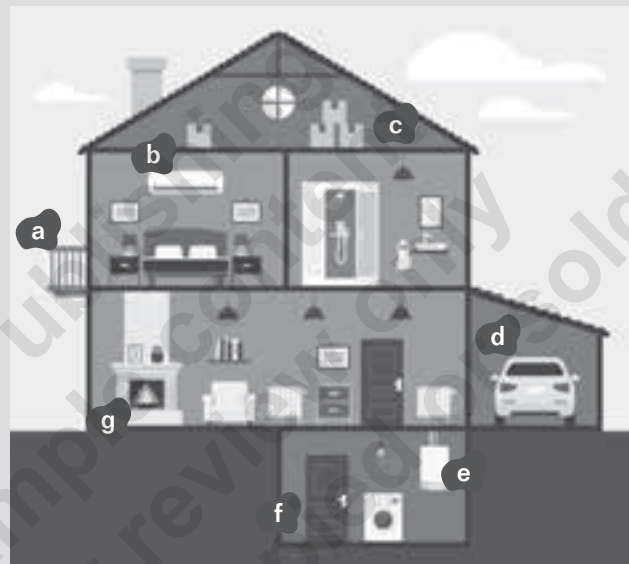
3 Correct the errors in each sentence.

I ~~use~~ to have lighter hair when I was a child. used

- She didn't ~~used~~ to like bananas but she loves them now. _____
- I ~~used~~ to eating a lot of meat when I lived in Germany. _____
- Did you ~~used~~ to go to the gym when you were my age? _____
- She ~~use~~ to play basketball when she was a teenager. _____
- Petrol didn't ~~used~~ to be so expensive. _____
- They ~~used~~ to living in the same street as us. _____

4 Match 1-7 with a-g.

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|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 central heating | <u>e</u> | 5 garage | _____ |
| 2 air conditioning | _____ | 6 attic | _____ |
| 3 basement | _____ | 7 balcony | _____ |
| 4 fireplace | _____ | | |



5 1.14 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. Listen and check.

already arrived has arrived just (x2) yet (x2)

- Paul:** Hey, everyone, Mia has arrived! Hi, Mia!
- Mia:** Hi, Paul! Am I late? Is everyone else here?
- Paul:** No, don't worry! Lucas hasn't come ¹ _____, Jamie ² _____ two minutes ago and I've ³ _____ arrived.
- Mia:** Oh, great! Shall I order some drinks?
- Paul:** Actually, we've ⁴ _____ ordered drinks for everyone. We haven't ordered any food ⁵ _____. We're waiting for the others to come. Hey, look! Lucas has ⁶ _____ arrived. He's over there by the door. Hi, Lucas! We're over here!

LEARNING to LEARN

Now I can ...

- describe homes using adjectives and nouns ☒
- use the past simple, the past continuous and *used to* ☐
- use the present perfect simple and past simple with time expressions ☐
- ask for permission and respond to requests ☐
- write a description of a home ☐

WRITING A description

Say what type of home your advert is about and where it is.

Give information about the size of the house and how many people can stay there.

Describe two or three special features of the home.

Describe the surrounding area.

home from home
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This beautiful apartment in Switzerland has fantastic views over the world-famous Lake Lucerne and the surrounding mountains, and it is just five minutes' drive from the nearest village and twenty minutes from the train station.

With two large bedrooms and one small bedroom, this comfortable and stylish apartment offers accommodation for 4-6 people and is a spacious and peaceful family home.

There are two modern bathrooms with showers, and the apartment has underfloor heating and fast Wi-Fi so you can keep in touch with friends and family back home. There is also a large balcony with a table and chairs so you can enjoy stunning views of the lake and mountains while eating. In summer, the apartment is full of light, and in winter it is warm and cosy. If you like to cook, there is a well-equipped kitchen with a brand-new cooker, a dishwasher and a coffee-making machine.

This attractive and comfortable apartment is the perfect place from which to explore the amazing countryside and the fantastic restaurants and cafés of this region.



Use adjectives to create interest and add information.

Use so to show a consequence.

Tips for writing

- Use phrases to make the home sound attractive so that the reader wants to stay there:
fantastic views, comfortable and stylish accommodation, explore the amazing countryside
- Use phrases to describe features of the home:
a brand-new cooker, a spacious living area, a well-equipped kitchen
- Link facts about the home with positive consequences:
There is a bakery on the same street so you can buy fresh bread daily.
- Make sure your verbs agree:
There is... / There are...

UNIT 1

Homes (adjectives)

basic	narrow
brand-new	organized
cosy	outdoor
disorganized	recycled
gloomy	traditional
indoor	uncomfortable
light	up-to-date
luxurious	wide

Homes (nouns)

air conditioning	fireplace
attic	garage
balcony	indoors
basement	neighbourhood
central heating	outdoors
countryside	suburbs

UNIT 2

Friendship

caring	make you laugh
easy to get on with	open-minded
fun to be with	have the same sense of humour
honest	have things in common
hurt your feelings	trustworthy
keep a secret	
keep in touch	
loyal	

Family life

blended family	lifestyle
divorce / divorced	mixed-race
ethnic background	raise (children)
generation	relationship
grandparent	separation
great-grandparents	single-parent family
grown-up	stepbrother / stepsister

UNIT 3

Technology (nouns)

artificial intelligence	sensor
bot	software
handheld device	wearables
implant	virtual reality
machine learning	3D printer
self-driving car	

Technology (verbs)

communicate	operate
control	perform
develop	process
interact	program
network	research

UNIT 4

Extreme weather

blizzard	hurricane
drought	smog
flood	thunderstorm
gale	tornado
hailstorm	tsunami
heatwave	wildfire

Seas and oceans

coral reef	saltwater
current	sea life
fishing	seaweed
ice sheet	tide
microplastics	waste

UNIT 5

Healthy living

avoid late nights	organize your time
cut down	reduce stress
get some fresh air	skip breakfast
have a balanced diet	take up a hobby
join a gym	take vitamins

Illnesses and remedies

allergy	pill
antiseptic cream	plaster
bruise	sick
cough	sore throat
cough syrup	sprain
cut	stomach ache
dizzy	tablet
earache	temperature
headache	toothache