



Vocabulary

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 We live in a ___ in the city centre. We are on the tenth floor, so we have a great view.
 - a semi-detached house
 - b detached house
 - c cottage
 - d block of flats
- 2 I hate this ___; it's so uncomfortable to sit on.
 - a armchair
 - b basement
 - c cupboard
 - d desk
- 3 'John! I'm in ____. Can you pass me a clean towel, please?'
 - a the microwave
 - b the toilet
 - c the shower
 - d the lamp
- 4 I like houses with high ____.
 - a chimneys
 - b curtains
 - c garages
 - d ceilings
- 5 Thanks, Jed. You've been really ___ round the house today.
 - a careful
 - b helpful
 - c comfortable
 - d natural
- 6 My parents prefer ___ old-fashioned houses to modern ones.
 - a natural
 - b traditional
 - c helpful
 - d enjoyable
- 7 Why don't you turn off ___? It's quite warm in here.
 - a the damage
 - b the temperature
 - c the central heating
 - d the environment
- 8 This ___ is too big to go into our living room. I can't believe it!
 - a cooker
 - b curve
 - c architect
 - d sofa
- 9 Can you put these socks in ___ over there, please?
 - a the farmhouse
 - b the attic
 - c the chest of drawers
 - d the fridge
- 10 I've always wanted wooden ___ in my house, but they're expensive.

a floors	b roofs
c attics	d curves
- 11 Hello! Great to see you all! ___ while I make some coffee.
 - a Bring home the bacon
 - b Put away
 - c Put up
 - d Make yourselves at home
- 12 We bought a new ___ online. It was quite cheap.
 - a microwave
 - b balcony
 - c energy
 - d chimney
- 13 The flat is old and ugly but we want to ____, so we can live there.
 - a do it up
 - b wear it out
 - c pull it down
 - d put it down
- 14 I'm so glad to get back! ___
 - a There's no place like home.
 - b Charity begins at home.
 - c Let's turn the house upside down!
 - d It's great to keep a tidy house.
- 15 I can't find my iPad anywhere, and I've ___ looking for it.
 - a turned the house upside down
 - b kept a tidy house
 - c put the house up
 - d pulled the house down
- 16 The architect designed a lovely room in the attic with windows in ____.
 - a the balcony
 - b the garage
 - c the roof
 - d the upstairs
- 17 People have different tastes and find different things ____.
 - a environmental
 - b beautiful
 - c noisy
 - d straight
- 18 There's ___ in the corner of the bathroom. We keep the soap and clean towels in it.
 - a a washbasin
 - b a cupboard
 - c a toilet
 - d a floor
- 19 Usually my kids make a mess and I tidy ____.

a up	b down
c out	d through
- 20 I can't ___ the cooker. I think we need a new one.

a repair	b help
c care	d store

Grammar

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 They ___ the next day.
a were buying the house, painting it and moving in
b bought the house, painted it and moved in
c bought the house, were painting it and moved in
d were buying the house, painting it and moved in
- 2 The children were putting away the dishes and I ___ at the same time.
a tidied up
b wasn't tidying up
c was tidying up
d were tidying up
- 3 ___ when I called?
a Were you cooking
b Was I cooking
c Did you cook
d You were cooking
- 4 'Are you OK?'
'Yes. I ___, that's all.'
a would just think
b just thought
c was just thinking
d used to think
- 5 'Is Karen coming to our party?'
'I don't know, but she ___ yesterday.'
a was being ill
b was ill
c would be ill
d wasn't being ill
- 6 Were you trying to sleep when I ___ to music?
a was listening
b listened
c used to listen
d am listening
- 7 I ___ modern flats, but I do now.
a wouldn't like
b use to like
c wasn't liking
d didn't use to like
- 8 'When you were a child, ___ in magic?'
'No, never.'
a did you believe
b would you believe
c were you believing
d were you used to believing
- 9 They ___ a new bed three months ago.
a were buying b buy
c bought d were not buying
- 10 'Were you watching TV at ten o'clock ___?'
'No, I was out.'
a ago b last night
c all day d in 2012
- 11 That block of flats ___ my home when I was a child.
a was used to be b was
c was being d wouldn't be
- 12 After six months, she ___ living on her own.
a is slowly getting used to
b used to
c didn't use to get
d is slowly used to
- 13 Grandma ___ make sandwiches for the builders every day.
a was used to
b would
c did
d was getting used to
- 14 I ___ sharing my home with other people.
a am not used to
b get used to
c used to
d would
- 15 'Were you talking on the phone while I ___ outside?'
'No, I was looking for my keys.'
a waiting
b was waiting
c waited
d used to wait
- 16 My nephew ___ my cottage in the country was cool, but now he prefers flats in the city.
a would think
b used to think
c was thinking
d wasn't thinking
- 17 This carpet ___ in my grandparent's living room.
a used to be
b was getting used to being
c would be
d was used to being
- 18 They ___ the roof when I got home on Thursday.
a were repairing
b used to repair
c were used to repairing
d would repair
- 19 Don't trust that building company. I ___ an article about them in the newspaper.
a was seeing
b used to see
c saw
d was used to seeing
- 20 'Are you used to staying up late?'
'Yes, I ___.'
a do b am
c would d used to

___ / 20

Mark: ___ / 40



Reading

Read what four people say about their houses and find the following information. Write A, B, C or D.

Which person

- mentions the cost of buying somewhere to live?
- enjoys doing house repairs?
- has seen big changes in the house?
- is unhappy with the state of the house?
- mentions the temperature of the house?
- paid someone else to do some work on the house?

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A

Jane lives in the countryside. 'We live in a traditional farmhouse. We've been here two years now, but when we moved in we had to do a lot of work to make the house comfortable. It used to be absolutely freezing because it didn't have central heating, so the first thing we did was hire a professional heating engineer to come and put that in. My husband's very good at doing work in the house, but central heating is a huge job that he couldn't manage himself. The work involved every single room, so it really turned the house upside down, but it was worth it. It's made such a difference to the house, because now it's so much warmer and more comfortable.'



B

Eric recently moved into a newly-built property. 'My wife and I have just moved into a new block of flats. It's great because it's a very modern design. It's environmentally-friendly and always warm, and because it's new, it doesn't need any work done to it. It was my wife's choice, actually. She wanted a house that was perfect from the start. I must say I'm a little disappointed about that because I really enjoy doing up houses and I'm good at it too, but I expect I'll get used to just relaxing at home! Perhaps I can help my friends with their houses!'



C

Jason lives with his parents in a semi-detached house. 'Mum and Dad bought our house last year. It's quite old and they knew they would need to do up the whole house, but they bought it because it was cheap. It's been quite difficult at times; for example, for a while we didn't have a bathroom. We had to replace everything, which was a big job. We were going next door to use the toilet and the shower! Dad's also painted all the rooms and put up cupboards. The house is always a mess, but I don't mind because I enjoy working with Dad and he says I'm really helpful! We've made a lot of changes, and everything looks so much better now that we've fixed it!'



D

Tessa is renting a terraced house near the town centre. 'One day I want to buy my own house, but buying a house is very expensive and at the moment I can't afford it. In fact I can't even afford to rent a nice house. My place is old and dark, and it really needs quite a lot of work. The owner should do it up, but he won't do anything, which annoys me. I'm thinking about painting it myself, but I don't really want to spend time and money on a house which doesn't belong to me.'



Vocabulary

1 Circle the correct words.

Meet the family

Do you live with five, six or even seven people? Do you think you have a large family? Well, think again. There is a family in India with 181 members! Ziona Chana lives with all of them in a very large ¹ **detached house** / **balcony** with 100 rooms. In this house live his 39 ² **grooms** / **wives**, 94 children and 33 grandchildren as well as the 14 ³ **mothers-in-law** / **daughters-in-law** who are married to some of his sons.

Life in Mr Chana's house is always very busy and all members of the family are very ⁴ **generous** / **hard-working**. Even meal times are difficult; they need about 30 chickens and over 60 kilos of potatoes for one meal, so cooking and ⁵ **tidying up** / **putting up** afterwards take a long time! But Mr Chana and his wives have a very positive ⁶ **attitude** / **responsibility** and a good relationship ⁷ **with** / **for** each other. One of his wives, 35-year-old Rinkmini, says she is very lucky to live with her husband and she thinks he is a very ⁸ **handsome** / **pretty** man. And as for Mr Chana, he is still looking for new ⁹ **nieces** / **brides**, so he can ¹⁰ **get** / **make** married again!

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2 The words in bold are in the wrong sentences. Write them in the correct places.

- 1 My bedroom is at the top of the house, in the **ceiling**. _____
- 2 We need to buy a new **attic** for the bathroom; this one is really old. _____
- 3 **Independence** is very important in a relationship. _____
- 4 That's Kate, my **cottage**. She's married to my brother, Ben. _____
- 5 I can't wait to leave school and get a job – then I can enjoy my **communication**. _____
- 6 Careful! The **block of flats** is really low in this house – you can hurt your head. _____
- 7 I live in a **washbasin** in the city centre. I'm on the fifth floor and have a large balcony. _____
- 8 Julie's just bought a **sister-in-law**! It's next to a farm and a small river goes through the garden. _____

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3 Complete the sentences with these words.

beautiful careful comfortable mean patient shy

- 1 You need a new sofa. This one isn't very _____ at all!
- 2 Dinner is nearly ready. Please be _____ for a few minutes.
- 3 What a _____ house! Let's buy it!
- 4 Uncle Jim isn't generous – in fact, he's very _____.
- 5 I can't talk in front of all those people! I'm quite a _____ person.
- 6 Be _____! Don't drop those plates.

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4 Match.

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| 1 Can you put | a your best in exams? |
| 2 Hope to see you again! Let's | b is the breadwinner. |
| 3 Dad doesn't work, so Mum | c my heart. I don't love you. |
| 4 Fred is the father | d of the groom. |
| 5 Do you always do | e away your new clothes, please? |
| 6 You can't break | f keep in touch. |

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Vocabulary: ___ / 30



Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

- 1 David _____ to school every day. (walk)
- 2 You _____ me! Can you leave me alone? (always annoy)
- 3 _____ an ice cream now? (you / want)
- 4 I _____ my car at the moment. (not drive)
- 5 _____ that shop, Jenny? Mum works there. (you / see)
- 6 Helen _____ of going to Italy. (think)
- 7 Graham _____ football. (never play)
- 8 Your train _____ at 6 am tomorrow. Don't be late! (leave)
- 9 Those children _____ TV at home. They haven't got one. (not watch)
- 10 This soup _____ horrible! There's too much salt. (taste)

___ / 10

2 Complete the sentences with these verbs. Use the past simple or the past continuous.

build find jump move not live not play open run talk wait

- 1 I _____ in a cottage until I was 12.
- 2 The boys _____ down the road really fast when I saw them.
- 3 My grandad's company _____ these terraced houses in the 1930s.
- 4 _____ Jason _____ to Dad on the phone at 3.30 pm?
- 5 Julia _____ house and started work in the same week.
- 6 _____ they _____ a place to stay on holiday?
- 7 The bus arrived while I _____ at the bus stop.
- 8 Uncle Sam arrived as Janet _____ her birthday presents.
- 9 I saw the thief! He _____ over the garden wall and ran away.
- 10 Alan _____ computer games yesterday morning.

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3 Circle the correct words.

Back in 1953, my grandad was only twelve when he ¹ **ran / used to run** away from home to visit his uncle Harold in Cornwall. He waited until no one ² **used to look / was looking**, then he quietly ³ **was walking / walked** out of the house and ran to the railway station. He got on the train and ⁴ **got used to hiding / hid** under a seat until the train left.

At first he felt sick because he was not used to ⁵ **travelling / travel** by train, but after a while he ⁶ **got used to / used to** it. After a while, he started to feel hungry, but he ⁷ **didn't have / wouldn't have** anything to eat. A kind lady ⁸ **would give / gave** him one of her sandwiches and then he felt better.

When he arrived in Cornwall, he went to his uncle's house. His uncle was very surprised to see him, but he telephoned his mother and let him stay for a few days. Finally, it was time for my grandad to leave and he went back to his parent's house. He ⁹ **would / was used to** always remember his time in Cornwall and when he grew up and had children, he ¹⁰ **would often take / got used to taking** them to visit.

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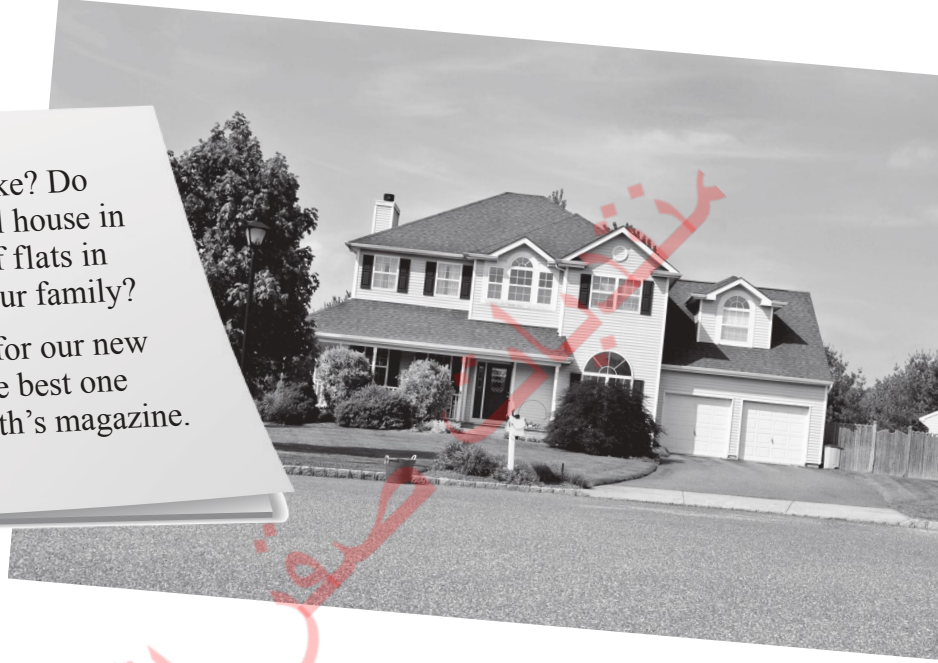
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Writing

You have seen this announcement in your school magazine:

What is your family home like? Do you live in a large traditional house in the countryside or a block of flats in the city? Is it suitable for your family?

We are looking for articles for our new series on family homes. The best one will be printed in next month's magazine.



Write an article describing your family home, explaining whether you think it's a good home for your family. (120-180 words)

Writing: ____ / 10

Mark: ____ / 80

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