

5 A Place to Call Home

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- 5.1 **a place to call home** (expr) /ə pleɪs tʊ kɔːl hæʊm/
somewhere you feel comfortable in • *I was born in Patras, so it is a place to call home for me.*

Word Focus

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- 5.2 **urgent** (adj) /'ɜːdʒənt/
very important and needing to be dealt with immediately • *We need to take urgent action to protect the environment because soon it will be too late.* > urgently (adv), urgency (n)
- 5.3 **inconvenience** (n) /,ɪnkən'viːniəns/
a problem that annoys you • *I would like to apologise for the inconvenience I caused by being late.* > inconvenient (adj), inconveniently (adv)
- 5.4 **delay** (n) /dɪ'leɪ/
a period of time when sb/sth waits because of a problem that makes sth late • *There was a delay at the airport because of the fog, but eventually our flight left four hours late.* > delay (v)
- 5.5 **historic** (adj) /hɪ'stɔːrɪk/
important in history • *The signing of the American Declaration of Independence was a historic occasion.* > history, historian (n), historical (adj)

Reading

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- 5.6 **fix** (v) /fɪks/
mend, repair • *Can you fix the broken bookshelf or shall I ask Oliver to do it?*
- 5.7 **sink** (n) /sɪŋk/
a large open container in a kitchen that you fill with water in order to wash the dishes • *Take the dishes to the kitchen sink. I want to wash them.*
- 5.8 **roof** (n) /ruːf/
the structure that covers the top of a building • *The houses in our village all have red roofs and white walls.*
- 5.9 **builder** (n) /'bɪldə(r)/
a person who builds or repairs houses or other buildings • *We asked a builder to build a new garage for us.* > build (v), building (n)
- 5.10 **electrician** (n) /,ɪ'lek'trɪʃn/
a person who connects or repairs electrical equipment • *An electrician needs to check all the electrical equipment so that we know it's safe to use.* > electricity (n), electrical (adj), electric (adj), electrify (v)

- 5.11 **plumber** (n) /'plʌmə/
sb who fits and mends pipes, bathrooms, etc. • *We've got a water leak, so we'll have to call the plumber.* > plumbing (n)
- 5.12 **ceiling** (n) /'siːlɪŋ/
the top inside surface of a room • *We painted the walls of the room green and the ceiling white.*
- 5.13 **advert** (n) /'ædvɜːt/
a notice or picture telling people about a product, job or service • *I love looking at the adverts in expensive fashion magazines even though I can't afford to buy the things in them.* > advertise (v) Also: advertisement, ad
- 5.14 **let** (v) /let/
allow sb to use a house, shop, etc. in return for regular payments • *The old lady owns four flats, which she lets to four families for 400 euros a month.*
- 5.15 **floor** (n) /flɔː/
a level of a building • *I work on the second floor of this building.*
- 5.16 **lift** (n) /lɪft/
a machine that goes up and down in a tall building and that people can ride in • *The lift took five minutes to go from the first floor to the top floor.* > lift (v) Also: elevator (American English)
- 5.17 **repair** (n) /rɪ'peə(r)/
sth you do to fix a thing that is damaged or not working • *The repairs to our car will cost a lot because there was so much damage.* > repair (v)
- 5.18 **apologise** (v) /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/
say you are sorry for doing sth wrong • *I apologise for shouting at your yesterday. I was wrong and I shouldn't have done it.* > apology (n), apologetic (adj)
- 5.19 **book** (v) /bʊk/
make arrangements to stay in a place, go to a theatre, eat at a restaurant, etc. on a particular date or time • *Mum and Dad have booked a holiday in Italy this summer.* > booking (n)
- 5.20 **link** (n) /lɪŋk/
a word or a picture in an Internet document that you click on to move to another document • *If you click on the link, it will take you to an excellent article on climate change.* Also: hyperlink
- 5.21 **eliminate** (v) /ɪ'lɪmɪneɪt/
get rid of sth • *I think you should eliminate that option. It's clearly incorrect.* > elimination (n)

Vocabulary

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- 5.22 block of flats** (n) /blɒk əv flæts/
an apartment building with several floors
• *I live on the third floor of a block of flats.*
- 5.23 bungalow** (n) /'bʌŋɡələʊ/
a house with one floor and no stairs
• *Grandma has moved to a bungalow because she can't walk up stairs any more.*
- 5.24 castle** (n) /'kɑːsl/
a large building with thick high walls built in the past as a safe place • *The king built a number of castles to protect his kingdom.*
- 5.25 cottage** (n) /'kɒtɪdʒ/
a small house in the country • *They bought a cottage in the country where they stayed at weekends and during holidays.*
- 5.26 detached house** (n) /dɪ'tætʃt haʊs/
a house that isn't joined to another house • *We live in a detached house, so we don't hear any noise from the neighbours.*
- 5.27 semi-detached house** (n) /'semi-dɪ'tætʃt haʊs/
house that is joined on one side to another house • *This semi-detached house was cheaper than a detached house, but the neighbours are very noisy.*
- 5.28 tent** (n) /tent/
a shelter consisting of a cloth, poles and ropes, which you can fold up and carry with you • *There was a hole in the tent and we got wet in the night when it started raining.*
- 5.29 terraced house** (n) /terɪst haʊs/
a house that is joined on both sides to other houses • *There are rows of terraced houses in London which line a whole street.*
- 5.30 ground floor** (n) /graʊnd flɔː/
the floor at the same level as the ground
• *We were given the keys to our hotel room at reception on the ground floor.*
- 5.31 toilet** (n) /'tɔɪlət/
a large bowl that you sit on to get rid of waste from your body • *Who threw all this paper in the toilet?*
- 5.32 garage** (n) /'gærɑːʒ/
a building for keeping cars, bicycles, or other vehicles in • *It's going to snow, so put the car in the garage, please.*
- 5.33 camping** (n) /'kæmpɪŋ/
living in a tent on holiday • *My family and I often go camping in the mountains in the summer.* > camp (v, n) 🏕️ go camping

Homes

block of flats	detached house
bungalow	semi-detached house
castle	house
cottage	terraced house

Grammar

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- 5.34 architect** (n) /'ɑːkɪtekt/
a person who designs buildings • *The architect designed a beautiful modern home for us.*
> architecture (n), architectural (ad)
- 5.35 do the dishes** (phr) /du ðə 'dɪʃɪz/
wash the plates, glasses, cups, etc. that have been used for a meal • *When we finish having dinner, I'll do the dishes and my sister will put them away.*
- 5.36 lie** (v) /laɪ/
not tell the truth • *He lied and said he was eighteen, but he is in fact only sixteen.*
> lie, liar (n)
- 5.37 promise** (n) /'prɒmɪs/
a statement that tells sb that you will definitely do or not do sth • *I said I'll help you and I'll keep my promise.* > promise (v), promising (adj)
- 5.38 prediction** (n) /prɪ'dɪkʃn/
saying what will happen in the future
• *Some predictions are that one day we will live on other planets.* > predict (v)
- 5.39 proof** (n) /pruːf/
sth that shows sth to be true • *Do you have any proof that she was lying or do you just think she was?* > prove (v)
- 5.40 expect** (v) /ɪk'spekt/
think that sth will happen • *I expect we're having dinner with my grandparents this weekend. We always do.* > expectation (n)
- 5.41 suppose** (v) /sə'pəʊz/
think that sth is true or possible based on the knowledge you have • *They had a very long flight and I suppose they were tired.*
- 5.42 edge** (n) /edʒ/
the part of sth that is furthest from the centre
• *Please don't stand close to the edge of the cliff. It's dangerous.*
- 5.43 decorate** (v) /'dekəreɪt/
put paint or wallpaper on the walls and ceilings of a room or house • *I've bought some white paint so that I can decorate my bedroom.*
> decorator (n), decoration (n)
- 5.44 turn** (v) /tɜːn/
become a particular age • *It's Eddie's birthday tomorrow. He turns eleven.*

Listening

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- 5.45 bamboo** (n) /bæm'buː/
a tall plant with hollow stems often used to make furniture • *Bamboo is a popular material for garden chairs and tables.*
- 5.46 netting** (n) /'netɪŋ/
light material made of thin wire or plastic and woven together • *They put netting over the flowerbeds to keep the birds off the seeds.*

- 5.47 steel** (n) /sti:l/
strong metal often used in buildings and bridges • *For safety, buildings should be made of concrete and a strong metal like steel.*
- 5.48 straw** (n) /strɔ:/
dried plants such as wheat that are used as food for animals or as a layer on the ground for animals to sit or sleep on • *Mum wears a hat made of straw when she's working in the garden.*
- 5.49 trap** (v) /træp/
keep sb in a dangerous place that they want to get out of but cannot • *The people of the village were trapped in their homes by the heavy snow and couldn't get out to buy food.* > trap (n)
- 5.50 escape** (v) /ɪ'skeɪp/
get away from a place where you do not want to be • *How did the men escape from prison?* > escape (n)
- 5.51 technique** (n) /tek'ni:k/
a particular way of doing sth, especially one which needs a special skill • *Engineers use a number of techniques to make buildings stronger because there are so many earthquakes in Greece.* > technical (adj), technically (adv), technician (n)
- 5.52 reinforce** (v) /,ri:ɪn'fɔ:s/
make a structure or material stronger • *The concrete in this block of flats has been reinforced with steel.*
- 5.53 crack** (v) /kræk/
break sth so that it gets lines on its surface or so that it breaks into pieces • *Crack four eggs so we can make an omelette.* > crack (n), cracked (adj)
- 5.54 collapse** (v) /kə'læps/
fall down • *Thousands of buildings collapsed in the earthquake.* > collapse (v, n)
- 5.55 afford** (v) /ə'fɔ:d/
have enough money to buy sth • *Our car is very old now, but we can't afford to buy a new one.*
- 5.56 panic** (v) /'pænik/
suddenly feel so frightened that you cannot think clearly • *Try not to panic in an earthquake, but stay calm and hide under your desks.* > panic (n), panic-stricken (adj)
- 5.57 record** (v) /rɪ'kɔ:d/
write information down or store it in a computer so that it can be looked at in the future • *The scientist records all the data on a computer so that she can study it later.* > record (n)
- 5.58 construct** (v) /kən'strʌkt/
build or make sth such as a building or road • *They are going to construct a new road between the two cities.* > construction (n)
- 5.59 solution** (n) /sə'lju:ʃn/
a way of solving a problem or dealing with a situation • *The problem is serious and we need to find a solution very soon.* > solve (v)
- 5.60 hold sth in place** (expr) /həʊld 'sʌmθɪŋ ɪn pleɪs/
make sure sth doesn't move position
• *Sticky tape will hold your posters in place on the wall, but it might ruin the paint.*
- 5.61 hold sth together** (expr) /həʊld 'sʌmθɪŋ tə'geðə/
make sure sth stays attached • *Buildings are held together with concrete and metal.*
- 5.62 underneath** (prep) /ʌndə'ni:θ/
under a place, below • *Some houses in wet climates have problems underneath because the ground gets so wet.*
- 5.63 engineer** (n) /,endʒɪ'nɪə(r)/
a person who designs and builds roads, bridges, etc. • *The engineers are working on a new design for car.* > engineering (n, adj)
- 5.64 test** (v) /test/
use sth to find out how well it works or to find out information about it • *Why don't you take the car for a drive and test how well it goes?* > test (n)
- 5.65 structure** (n) /'strʌktʃə(r)/
sth that has been built • *The Eiffel Tower is quite old now, but it's still a magnificent structure.*
- 5.66 sand** (n) /sænd/
very small fine grains of rock often found on beaches, in deserts, etc. • *After playing on the beach all day, there was sand in my hair and clothes.* > sandy (adj)
- 5.67 useless** (adj) /'ju:sləs/
not useful • *The equipment is broken, so it's useless.* > use (v, n) 📖 Opp: useful

Speaking

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- 5.68 feature** (n) /'fi:tʃə(r)/
sth typical, important or interesting of a place or thing • *The house has some interesting features: a lovely kitchen, a fireplace in every room and a large attic.*
- 5.69 neighbourhood** (n) /'neɪbəhʊd/
part of a town • *We live in a friendly neighbourhood and we know everyone there.* > neighbour (n)
- 5.70 attic** (n) /'ætɪk/
a room in the roof • *When their second child was born, they decided to build another bedroom upstairs in the attic.*
- 5.71 public transport** (n) /'pʌblɪk 'trænsɜ:t/
bus, train, metro, trolley that people ride on
• *I use public transport to get to work in the city because the train is faster than driving.*
- 5.72 nearby** (adj) /nɪə'baɪ/
not far away • *We often play football in the nearby park, which is only five minutes' walk from our house.*

- 5.73 central heating** (n) /'sentrəl 'hi:tɪŋ/
a heating system that heats a whole house or building • *This block of flats is cold because the central heating has broken down.*
- 5.74 expand on sth** (phr v) /ɪk'spænd ɒn 'sʌmθɪŋ/
say more about sth and add details • *What you say is interesting, but can you expand on it and give more details?*
- 5.75 keep sth going** (phr)
/ki:z p 'sʌmθɪŋ 'gəʊɪŋ/
do what is necessary so that sth continues to happen, work, etc. • *We need to do everything we can to keep the project going.*

Vocabulary

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- 5.76 rest** (n) /rest/
a period when you are not doing anything tiring and you can relax • *You've been working hard all day, so it's time for a rest.* > rest (v), restful (adj), restless (adj)
- 5.77 make a mess** (expr) /meɪk ə mes/
make a place untidy • *The twins got all the toys out of the cupboard and made a mess all over their room.*
- 5.78 make your bed** (expr) /meɪk 'jɔ: r bed/
tidy the covers on your bed • *School children should learn to make their beds after they get up.*
- 5.79 move with the times** (expr) /mu:v wɪð ðə taɪms/
change when other things in the world around you change • *Her grandparents are in their sixties but they move with the times and are interested in everything their grandchildren do.*
- 5.80 do the housework** (phr) /du ðə 'haʊswɜ:k/
do work in a home, such as cleaning, cooking, ironing • *In my family, we all do the housework. Mum makes the beds and tidies up, Dad washes the dishes and does the ironing, and I take out the rubbish.*
- 5.81 take a bath** (expr) /teɪk ə bɑ:θ/
wash in the bath • *If you feel stressed, you should take a bath and relax in the warm water.*
- 5.82 take a break** (expr) /teɪk ə breɪk/
stop working for a short time • *He's been working for four hours on the computer, so he should take a break and have a coffee.*

Common expressions

We get on like a house on fire.
You should move with the times.
Charity begins at home.
Big Arthur is eating us out of house and home.
Grandpa can talk until the cows come home.
Mum and Dad bring home the bacon.

Grammar

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- 5.83 fix** (v) /fɪks/
decide on a date or a time for sth • *Can we fix a date and time for our next meeting?*
- 5.84 arrange** (v) /ə'reɪndʒ/
organise sth such an activity in advance • *Mum is arranging a party for Dad's fiftieth birthday next month.* > arrangement (n)
- 5.85 intend** (v) /ɪn'tend/
have in your mind a plan or purpose • *I intend to do my homework as soon as I get home this afternoon.* > intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionally (adv)
- 5.86 exhibition** (n) /,eksɪ'bɪʃən/
a show of paintings, interesting objects, etc. that people can go to see • *You can get ideas for your home at furniture exhibitions.* > exhibit (v)
- 5.87 adult** (n) /'ædʌlt/
a grown person; a person who is not a child or teenager any longer • *Legally, you're an adult when you turn 18, but a lot of people still live with their parents at that age.*

Writing: an informal letter

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- 5.88 react** (v) /ri'ækt/
change or behave in a particular way in response to sth • *'I suggested that we should stay at home this summer.'* 'And how did your family react to your suggestion?' > reaction (n)
- 5.89 explanation** (n) /,eksplə'neɪʃn/
the reason given for why sth happened or why sth was done • *He gave us a good explanation for what had happened and how it had happened.* > explain (v)
- 5.90 enthusiasm** (n) /ɪn'tʃu:ziæzəm/
a strong feeling of excitement and interest in sth • *There is a lot of enthusiasm for the project and hundreds of people want to take part.* > enthusiastic (adj), enthusiastically (adv)
- 5.91 accept** (v) /ək'sept/
say 'yes' to an invitation or offer • *George invited me to his party and of course we accepted.* > acceptance (n), acceptable (adj)
- 5.92 decline** (v) /dɪ'klaɪn/
refuse politely • *They asked me to join them, but I declined politely because I don't like them.*
- 5.93 request** (n) /rɪ'kwest/
a formal or polite demand for sth • *The residents made a request for better street lights in their area.* > request (v)

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- 5.94 reject** (v) /rɪ'dʒekt/
not accept sth • *The manager rejected our request for a new fridge in the staff kitchen.*
> rejection (n)
- 5.95 comment** (n) /'kɒment/
something you say which gives an opinion on sth • *'Rose made some interesting comments about the situation.'* 'What did she say?'
> comment (v), commentary (n)
- 5.96 houseboat** (n) /'haʊsbəʊt/
a river boat that you can live in • *Living in a houseboat is nice for people who like travelling up and down the river.*
- 5.97 respond** (v) /rɪ'spɒnd/
answer sb; reply to sb • *My friend sent me an email, but I haven't responded to her yet.*
> response (n)
- 5.98 collection** (n) /kə'leɪʃn/
a group of objects, usually of the same kind, that have been collected • *Granddad has a wonderful collection of old stamps.*
> collect (v)
- 5.99 housewarming party** (n) /'haʊswɔːmɪŋ 'pɑːti/
a party to celebrate moving into a new home • *When they moved into their new house, they invited all their friends and family to a housewarming party.*
- 5.100 traffic** (n) /'træfɪk/
the vehicles that are moving along a road • *There's so much traffic on the roads at this hour that the cars can hardly move.*
- 5.101 youth club** (n) /juːθ klʌb/
a club where young people can meet each other and take part in activities • *There's a youth club in our town, but I prefer to meet my friends in other places.*
- 5.102 if I were you** (phr) /ɪf aɪ wə(r) ju/
used to give sb advice • *If I were you, I'd tell your parents the truth.*
- 5.103 make it** (phr) /meɪk ɪt/
succeed in going somewhere in time • *There's a concert in the park this weekend, but I've got an exam on Monday, so I don't think I'll make it.*

Compound nouns

central heating	public transport
detached house	semi-detached house
ground floor	terraced house
houseboat	youth club

- 5.104 gondolier** (n) /gɒndə'liə/
sb who controls a gondola • *The gondolier didn't speak to the couple for the whole gondola tour.* > gondola (n)
- 5.105 row** (v) /rəʊ/
cause a boat to move through water using oars • *She rowed the little boat across the lake.* > rowing (n)
- 5.106 gondola** (n) /'gɒndələ/
a long narrow boat in Venice • *Most tourists in Venice go for a ride on a gondola to see the city from the water.* > gondolier (n)
- 5.107 canal** (n) /kə'næl/
a stretch of water for boats to travel on • *In Venice and Amsterdam there are many canals which were built a long time ago.*
- 5.108 annually** (adv) /'ænjʊəli/
every year • *We go on holiday annually to a Greek island, usually in August.* > annual (adj)
- 5.109 challenge** (n) /'tʃæləndʒ/
sth difficult • *Building the first skyscrapers was an amazing challenge, but nowadays modern machines make it a bit easier.* > challenge (v), challenging (adj)
- 5.110 property** (n) /'prɒpəti/
a building and the land which belongs to it • *'This property consists of a large detached house and two acres of land,' said the estate agent.*
- 5.111 resident** (n) /'rezɪdnt/
a person who lives in a particular place • *The residents of this city are very proud of its history.* > reside (v), residential (adj)
- 5.112 increasingly** (adv) /ɪn'kriːsɪŋli/
more and more • *The environment is becoming increasingly polluted because there are too many people in the world.*
> increasing (adj), increase (n, v)
- 5.113 local** (n) /'ləʊkl/
a person who lives in a particular place • *If you want to know the best place to eat when you are on holiday, ask a local.* > local (adj), locally (adv)
- 5.114 gift** (n) /gɪft/
a thing that you give sb; a present • *My grandparents gave me a wonderful gift on my birthday.*
- 5.115 despite** (prep) /dɪs'paɪt/
even though • *Despite being expensive, eating out in London is very enjoyable.* 📌 Syn: in spite of