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READING

1 If you moved to a new house, what features would you consider most important?



central heating



double glazing



fitted wardrobe



en suite bathroom



fully furnished



open-plan

2 Read these adverts from an estate agent (1-6) and match them to the pictures (a-f).



Dawsons Estate Agents Hundreds of fantastic properties!

1 ... Two-bedroom terraced house for sale

Ideal as a first house! Situated in the middle of a row of terraced houses. Has double glazing on most windows. Small back garden. Near bus stop and railway station.

£99,950

2 ... Two-bedroom apartment for sale

This apartment is fully furnished, and both bedrooms have fitted wardrobes. The building has underground parking, a gym and a large swimming pool. A couple of minutes' walk from the city centre and shops.

Approximately £139,000

3 ... Three-bedroom semi-detached for sale

A great opportunity to buy a well proportioned three-bedroom semi-detached family residence. Has a fantastic open-plan kitchen. Close to good schools. Has gas central heating and garage.

£121,995

4 ... Thatched cottage

A new four-bedroom cottage in the picturesque village of Sherton Abbas. Beautiful front and back garden. The main bedroom has an en suite bathroom.

£369,950

5 ... Four-bedroom bungalow for sale

Recently modernised and extended semi-detached bungalow. Has large back garden and small front garden. Double glazing on all windows. Has a fitted kitchen.

Offers over £400,000

6 ... Two-bedroom houseboat on River Thames

A rare opportunity to buy a houseboat in the exclusive area of Chelsea in London. Built in 2003, the boat offers views of the river and has a large open-plan reception area.

Price: around £845,000



3 Decide if the sentences are true (✓) or false (X). Correct the false ones.

- 1 The two-bedroom apartment has private parking.
- 2 The thatched cottage is close to the city centre.
- 3 Houseboats are not very typical.
- 4 The two-bedroom terraced house is the cheapest.
- 5 The four-bedroom bungalow is old but looks new.

4 Which property would be best for...

- 1 a single person?
- 2 someone with a car and two children?
- 3 a young couple with one child?
- 4 a large family who doesn't like the city?
- 5 someone who is looking for a different kind of residence in London?

5 Match the types of property (1-6) to the description (a-f).

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| 1 bungalow | 4 houseboat |
| 2 thatched cottage | 5 terraced house |
| 3 semi-detached house | 6 apartment |

- a a series of houses connected to each other
- b a home that is in a building with more than one floor and many separate residences
- c a house with two residences separated by a wall
- d an independent house with a roof made of straw
- e a small, one-floor independent house
- f a house that floats on water