

CLASS B' GYMNASIUM
OWN IT: UNITS 5-6 (1)
DREAM HOUSES/HIDDEN DANGER
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TASK 1

Read the extract from a magazine article in which five people (A-E) write about their dream house . Then answer the questions that follow.

OUR FAVOURITE MY DREAM HOUSE STORIES

We asked our readers how they would describe their dream house. Here are our favourite answers.

A. Chris- 16



I've always wanted to see the Earth from space so my dream house would be on the moon, but it would also move around the Earth in circles at the touch of a button! It would be filled with high-tech stuff that I could play around with and, of course, a button to turn off zero gravity because I don't think sleeping while floating in the air would be comfortable. There would also be a teleporter that would allow me to go anywhere on Earth. How else would I get back to Earth to see my friends and family? Flying by rocket each time would be too much trouble! I would have the best of both worlds!

B. Jean- 16



My dream house would be shaped like a sphere and made of glass, and there would be a platform where you can bungee jump off. I've never tried bungee jumping before, but I think it would be exciting. It would also have a garden with all sorts of flowers growing. Lastly, I would like my home to have an enormous piano and other musical instruments because I love playing and listening to music.

C. Ciara- 15

My ideal house would be in a small neighbourhood near a peaceful lake. It would be a small, comfortable house in an area with lots of trees, with a balcony that looks out on the lake. It would certainly be far away from city noise and pollution, and I would spend my days sitting on the balcony and reading my favourite books. Also, there would be a large workroom on the top floor where I could work or surf the net on my computer. Above all, I want my dream house to be clean and organised.

D. Gavin- 15



Unlike other people's dream houses, my dream house does not need to be large or have a lot of comforts. All that matters is being able to live there with my family and the ones I love- that's what my dream house is. After all, home will always be the place for which you feel the deepest love, no matter where you are.

E. Tiffany -16



If I had the money, I'd buy myself a private island to live on- it would be a place to get away from it all; somewhere where I could forget all my problems. The sand along the coast would be warm and soft, and I'd sunbathe on it any chance I'd get. You would need to go through a beautiful garden to find my house, which would be a building with many floors. It would also have a swimming pool and would look very modern with large windows that allow natural light to shine through. The kitchen, dining room and living room would be on the first floor; on the second floor there would be a gym; on the third floor there would be a skatepark and on the fourth floor there would be an enormous library. My bedroom would take up the whole top floor, with my bed and work desk facing the window so as to enjoy the island's amazing views. The interior design would be simply awesome as each room would have a different theme.

Adapted from: <https://www.scmp.com/yp/discover/your-voice/opinion/article>

Who says that their dream house?	
1. is a cosy cottage in the countryside	_____
2. is a multi-storey building	_____
3. best fits the saying "home is where the heart is"	_____
4. would be ideal for extreme sports enthusiasts	_____
5. is on another planet	_____
6. is a place where no room is decorated in the same way	_____
7. would be perfect for someone with a passion for music	_____
8. a place to escape from it all	_____
9. offers the advantages of two very different ways of life	_____
10. a place which is neat and tidy	_____

Task 2

Five sentences are missing from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

The hidden dangers of the Internet



How could we live without our smartphones, laptops, and other devices that allow us to go online? That's how most of us keep in touch with friends and family, take pictures, do our homework, do research, find out the latest news, and even shop. 1. Some people you meet online might try to take advantage of you, steal your personal information, or threaten you (called cyberbullying).

Being Smart Online

First rule: Check your mood! Are you feeling upset or angry? Then it's not the time to be messaging or posting on a social media site. **2.** If you have to, call someone or go for a run instead before you start writing online.

Second rule: When you're on a website, try to stay as anonymous as possible.

3. Private information that you should never allow anyone to see includes your full name, any type of photograph (even of your pet!), your current location , home or school address, phone numbers , password sand credit card numbers.

Third rule: Keep online friendships in the Internet world. Meeting online friends face to face carries more risks than other types of friendships . **4.** It's safer to video message with someone first, but even that can carry some risks. Check with a parent that this is a safe thing for you to be doing.

Fourth rule: If you ever get involved in any messaging or online chats that make you feel uncomfortable or in danger for any reason, exit and tell a parent or other adult right away so they can report it. **5.** They have a special form for reporting this type of incident and they'll make sure the information is forwarded to the police .

Fifth rule: Remember that any pictures or text messages that you send will be seen by many people as soon as you hit "send". Think about whether the words you've written or the pictures you're about to share are ones that you would want other people reading or seeing. A good rule is that if you wouldn't want your grandmother to see it or read it, you probably shouldn't send it or post it.

Adapted from: <https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/internet-safety.html#catsafebasics>

A. That means keeping all private information private.

B. People don't always make good decisions or think straight when they're stressed out or upset.

C. This is because it's so easy for people to pretend to be something they're not when you can't see them or talk face to face.

D. Don't leave your phone where someone else might pick it up, and turn your laptop off when you're not using it.

E. However, apart from the millions of sites to visit and things to do, going online can be dangerous.

F. You also can report it to the National Center for Children .

A. -----	B.-----	C. -----	D. -----	E.-----	F.-----
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TASK 3

You recently learned that your family is moving to a new home. Write an email to your friend to tell him/her about it. In your email you should:

- write why you are moving to a new home
- describe your new home
- say how you feel about moving there.



Your email should be about 100 words long.