At home

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

INTERMEDIATE | B1-B2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each type of home with its precise description.

1 detached house	____	a one-level house
2 semi-detached house	____	b small rural or village house
3 terraced house	____	c flat with its own facilities
4 bungalow	____	d house joined to one neighbour
5 self-contained flat	____	e compact flat with one main room
6 studio flat	____	f house with no shared outside walls
7 cottage	____	g rented house in a resort
8 holiday villa	____	h one house in a connected row

2 Complete each sentence with the correct household object.

charger | **chopping board** | **corkscrew** | **dustpan and brush** | **grater** | **hanger** | **remote** | **table mat**

1 Use a _____ so the hot dish does not mark the table.

2 The battery is flat; have you seen my phone _____?

3 Please put the broken glass into the bin with a _____.

4 I need a _____ to open this wine bottle.

5 Slice the vegetables on a _____, not on the work surface.

6 Press the red button on the _____ to switch off the TV.

7 Would you like a _____ for your jacket?

8 Use the fine side of the _____ for the cheese.

3 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

1 They live in **a detached** near the park. _____

2 Our bungalow has two bedrooms **upstairs**. _____

3 I keep garden tools on the **landing**. _____

4 The attic is **under** the ground floor. _____

5 Park your car **in** the drive. _____

6 We sat **in** the patio and ate outside. _____

7 I need to **make the ironing** tonight. _____

8 A studio flat usually has several **large bedrooms**. _____

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4 Complete the property description with words from the box.

attic | basement | converted | drive | landing | patio | porch | utility room | windows | workshop

The entrance is protected by a small **1** _____. Inside, the hallway leads to a bright kitchen and a separate **2** _____ for laundry. French doors open onto a paved **3** _____. The first-floor rooms open off a wide **4** _____. Above them, the **5** _____ has been **6** _____ into an office. Below ground, a **7** _____ with **8** _____ is used as a music room. Outside, the long **9** _____ leads to a garage and small **10** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

Choosing a smaller home

After their children moved out, Rosa and Ben left a large detached house for a bungalow. They wanted fewer rooms to clean and no stairs to manage. The new home has less storage, so they gave away furniture they no longer used. A utility room keeps laundry equipment out of the kitchen, while a garden shed holds tools and bicycles. Their energy bills are lower, and the compact layout is easy to maintain. They miss their old attic, but not the hours of housework.

1 Why did Rosa and Ben choose a home without stairs? _____

2 What disadvantage does the bungalow have? _____

3 What did they do with unnecessary furniture? _____

4 Where is the laundry equipment? _____

5 Name two things stored in the shed. _____

6 What two benefits does the compact layout provide? _____

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 No other house is joined to ours. **DETACHED** _____

2 The flat does not share any facilities. **CONTAINED** _____

3 They changed the loft into a bedroom. **CONVERTED** _____

4 I vacuum the floors every Friday. **HOOVERING** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** property description for a home that would suit a particular person or family. Explain how its layout meets their needs.

[ ] Use at least ten target items. [ ] Describe location and function accurately. [ ] Include one advantage and one limitation.

ANSWER KEY

1 Types of home

1 **f** 2 **d** 3 **h** 4 **a** 5 **c** 6 **e** 7 **b** 8 **g**

2 Household objects

1 **table mat** 2 **charger** 3 **dustpan and brush** 4 **corkscrew** 5 **chopping board** 6 **remote** 7 **hanger** 8 **grater**

3 Corrections - possible answers

1 a **detached house** 2 bedrooms **on the ground floor** 3 tools **in the shed** 4 attic is **under the roof**
5 park **on** the drive 6 sat **on** the patio 7 **do the ironing** 8 one **main living and sleeping room**

4 Property description

1 **porch** 2 **utility room** 3 **patio** 4 **landing** 5 **attic** 6 **converted** 7 **basement** 8 **windows** 9 **drive** 10 **workshop**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 They wanted no stairs to manage. 2 It has less storage. 3 They gave it away.
4 In the utility room. 5 Tools and bicycles. 6 It is easy to maintain and needs fewer hours of housework.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 We live in a **detached house**. 2 It is a **self-contained flat**. 3 They **converted the loft** into a bedroom. 4 I **do the hoovering** every Friday.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check accurate vocabulary, suitability, advantages and limitations.