

## C1 Advanced Part 8

## 1 In matching activities, what must you remember?

- a Some questions won't refer to any of the four texts.
- b The information in the texts and questions will be expressed differently.
- c There will sometimes be two texts for one question so two answers are needed.

## 2 Correct the words in bold in sentences 1–6.

- 1 I think that film wasn't anything to write home **for**!
- 2 He said that his **house** of residence wasn't really cool, didn't he?
- 3 Jenny and I have got on like a house on **flames** since we met.
- 4 He told me the accommodation was like a home **in** home.
- 5 My cousin's looking for a **totally** furnished apartment in the city.
- 6 **Partly**-detached houses are relatively cheap.
- 7 Seeing the homeless woman really **took** home to me how lucky I am.

## ✓ Exam tip

In matching activities remember that the information in the texts may be expressed differently in the questions. Look for phrases and expressions in the texts that are similar in meaning.

## 3 You are going to read four short articles by people living in small flats in Japan. For questions 1–10, choose from the articles A–D. The articles may be chosen more than once.

*Is that for my bike?***A Bob**

When I first went to Japan in the 90s, I thought my flat was for my bike! It was so tiny. There were some nice touches I learnt to appreciate, however. All the stuff was modern and more importantly, efficient. And there was a space where I slept above the main room. I mean, you don't have to be able to stand up when you sleep so it saves a lot of space. I'd love to be the type of person who can go around with their possessions in one bag, but I would refuse to live like that for more than a couple of years. It proved that I could never be minimalist. At first I was anxious about the idea that I'd hear my neighbours through the walls. I'd heard they were paper thin. But, in fact, everyone usually lives alone in that type of block and they were all really respectful so I needn't have worried.

**B Hanako**

I absolutely love living in Tokyo. It's such a vibrant city with loads going on. If I could live in an upmarket area in a luxury apartment, I would, but I don't have the money. I love my neighbourhood and my flat. It's no comparison to the house I grew up in but it's hard to compare two such different places. My mum warned me against the move, especially the cost of renting here, but if I hadn't come here, I'd have to commute an hour by train every day. Now I just jump on my bike and I'm at work within fifteen minutes. I really have nothing to complain about regarding the location. I had wanted to buy a nice set of drawers and some comfortable chairs to create a home from home – I don't know what I was thinking. Less is more in that respect. A 'naked closet' is the thing in these places. Basically, it's just a rail. I've learnt that there are advantages with limiting the stuff you acquire in your life.

**C Maisy**

I came to this place a few months ago. I've already made myself at home and managed to meet a few people in the same block. I had been living near Kobe, but kind of in the countryside. A friend advised me that I'd like this flat in Osaka. I think one of her colleagues was moving back home. Anyway, I had a look around and have never looked back. I have restaurants and cinemas within a few minutes' walk. I can't claim to be a fan of the noise though, especially at weekends. Oh, and I'm kind of jealous that I don't have a loft like my friend. It is good to separate different areas of the apartment and would certainly free-up a bit of space. But apart from that, I have relatively low rent for the size and if friends or family want to come and stay there's enough space for one or two people.

**D Dom**

Well, I think people in Tokyo have it sorted as far as living in small spaces is concerned. I guess they have to with a population of over 37 million! Do I miss home? The truth is I do. The place where I grew up couldn't be more different – an isolated detached house in the middle of Kansas in the US was a brilliant spot to spend my youth. I can't deny that. However, people ask me where I'd rather live now and they can't believe my answer. I'd choose here any day. The people, the food, the bustling centre. What's not to like? I can see myself extending my stay at the end of two years already. My flat is far from spacious but as long as you have different sections for different things, you can make small spaces work for you. I have a small study area, an area where I watch TV and an area where I sleep. The only thing I wish I had was a garden to sit outside and have a little table and chair. That would be nice.

- 1 ...wishes that it were quieter on some days of the week?
- 2 ...was impressed by the loft space they had in their apartment?
- 3 ...would live in a larger home if their financial situation was different?
- 4 ...prefers their current location to where they grew up?
- 5 ...decided they had to leave some furniture out of the flat?
- 6 ...loves the fact that they have an outside space to relax on?
- 7 ...prefers that they no longer have to commute a long distance to work?
- 8 ...is happy with the amount they pay each month for the property?
- 9 ...couldn't live that way for an extended period of time?
- 10 ...has divided up the space in their apartment?

## C1 Advanced Part 4

## 1 Choose the correct alternative.

In sentence-transformation activities, (a) do/don't add or change words (b) if/unless you have to. They (c) may/won't change the meaning of the sentence or make you write too (d) few/many words.

## 2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

cosmopolitan • crowded • industrial • renowned  
• run-down • steeped • well-connected

- 1 This coastal town is ..... for its delicious sea food restaurants.
- 2 This area used to be really ..... but now it's a thriving business centre.
- 3 Cities are usually ....., so they have a lot to offer foreign workers.
- 4 The station was so ..... this morning I went home and got on my bike.
- 5 Oxford is a great place to visit because it's ..... in history.
- 6 The Rhondda Valley in Wales is well known for coal mining and its ..... past.
- 7 I'm lucky that my city is ..... to all parts of the country.

## ✓ Exam tip

In sentence-transformation activities, do not add or change words unless you have to. They may change the meaning of the sentence or make you write too many words.

- 3 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).



- 0 Why did you say that I had ruined the painting?  
ACCUSE  
Why did you accuse me of ruining the painting?
- 1 'Turn it on as soon as you get home', he said  
INSTRUCTED  
He ..... it on as soon as I got home.
- 2 'Can you use chopsticks?', said my Chinese friend.  
COULD  
My Chinese friend ..... use chopsticks.
- 3 'Look after yourself when you're away', my mum said.  
TOLD  
My mum ..... myself when I was away.
- 4 'OK, it was me who stole the laptop', said the thief.  
CONFESSED  
The thief ..... the laptop.
- 5 'When did you get here?', my colleague asked me.  
HAD  
My colleague ..... there.
- 6 We took a really indirect route to get there!  
HOUSES  
We went ..... to get there.