

PLACES

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

When I first arrived here to take up my new job, I stayed in a hotel, but I soon started looking for a permanent (1) **C**, a place to (2) _____ my own. The first flat I came (3) _____ was cold and uninviting, and had large (4) _____ of damp on the walls. The flat (5) _____ onto a factory, so the view was not exactly inspiring. Then I had a look at a small flat in a modern apartment (6) _____. It had a parking (7) _____ and was fully (8) _____, but the rent was far too high for me. I didn't want to end up in a tiny place, so I answered an ad for house-sharing. The house was in a quiet (9) _____, and as soon as I saw it I fell in love with it. There was a high overgrown (10) _____ around the front garden, and (11) _____ to park cars in the drive. The room to (12) _____ looked out over the back garden, and had a big bay window. (13) _____ it meant sharing the kitchen and living room, I did have my own bathroom, really just a shower and washbasin (14) _____ into what must have once been a cupboard. There was, however, quite a lot of (15) _____ space.

1) A household	B accommodation	C residence	D habitation
2) A refer	B be	C call	D say
3) A over	B across	C up	D by
4) A patches	B pieces	C stretches	D stains
5) A showed up	B saw through	C gave over	D looked out
6) A tower	B skyscraper	C block	D column
7) A bit	B spot	C location	D space
8) A furnished	B provided	C supplied	D prevented
9) A surroundings	B neighbourhood	C vicinity	D premises
10) A fence	B bush	C hedge	D lawn
11) A room	B capacity	C area	D place
12) A let	B rent	C hire	D lease
13) A But for	B Despite	C Nevertheless	D Although
14) A cramped	B crowded	C cluttered	D crammed
15) A storage	B stocking	C saving	D accumulation

2 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

a) It took us three hours of hard climbing to reach the ...summit.
Being promoted to manager is undoubtedly the ...summit..... of my career to date.
A special ..summit. of the leading economic countries has been called.

b) When the agreement is finally signed by all parties, you will receive the _____ to the house.

The self-study edition of the book comes with a _____ so you can check all your answers.

His ability to persuade people is the _____ to his success.

c) The second flat I saw was in a terrible _____

His physical condition is improving, but I'm not sure about his _____ of mind.

The funeral of President Mawaka was attended by heads of _____ from all over the world.

d) The A23 out of the city affords a spectacular _____ of the lake.

I would like to look at the house again, with a _____ to moving in shortly.

You won't find a better house than that one; that's my _____, anyway.

e) OK, let's _____ on and try to reach the top by lunchtime.

These trousers are specially designed so that you don't need to iron and _____ them.

If you _____ this button here, you'll activate the alarm system.

3 Both options in *italics* make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

a) The room was *lightly/sparsely furnished*, with just a table and a chair.

b) I sat down with the landlady and signed the *tenancy/lodging* agreement.

c) At the dump, huge iron skips were crammed full with people's *household/domestic* rubbish.

d) A group of homeless people entered the unoccupied house and claimed squatters' *possession/rights*.

e) You can't walk here, as it's *private land/property*.

f) They are going to put up a *ten-floor/storey* building opposite my house.

g) Groups with guides should go to the side *access/entrance*.

h) There's been a *sharp/heavy* rise in the price of property in the south-east,

i) The rooms are dark and smelly, and the heating is *barely/hardly* adequate.

j) From the cliff top, it was a *vertical/sheer* drop to the rocks below.

4 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word from the box.

bay	horizon	pass	slope	strait	cliff	landscape	plain	spring	tide
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- a) This water comes from a ...**spring** , near the bottom of the mountain.
- b) The hills could be seen faintly outlined against the
- c) The ship won't be able to sail until the comes in.
- d) There was a rocky rising a hundred feet above the beach.
- e) The two islands are divided by a narrow
- f) There is only one through the mountains.
- g) Many small boats could be seen moored in the wide curving
- h) The children amused themselves by rolling down the grassy
- i) The whole had turned white after the overnight fall of snow.
- j) At the foot of the mountains was a wide, well-cultivated

5 Complete each sentence (a-j) with one of the endings (1-10).

a) I paused at the top of the stairs on the 5. ..	1 railings at the front of the house.
b) The walls of the bathroom were covered in	2 hinges, which were rather rusty.
c) I chained my bike to the	3 loft, in case we needed them again.
d) There was a clock on the	4 mantelpiece over the fireplace.
e) I left my umbrella in the	5 landing and wondered which was my room.
f) After the storm we had to replace several	6 doormat outside the back door.
g) I decided to oil the front door	7 slates which had fallen off the roof.
h) There was no heat coming from the	8 radiator under the window.
i) You should try to remember to wipe your feet on the	9 tiles with a pattern of fruit and flowers.
j) We stored our old books upstairs in the	10 porch and opened the front door.

6 Using the e-mail as a guide, complete the tenancy agreement. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not occur in the e-mail.

Dear Bob,

I spoke to the agency about our new house, and they told me lots of rules. I think I've remembered them all, so here we go. We can't keep pets. We have to respect the people living next door, and not make a lot of noise. We have to keep the house neat and tidy. We have to tell the agency right away if there's been a fire in the house. And if we don't keep to those rules we can be asked to leave.

Then, when we decide to leave for good, we need to tell them 28 days before we leave. During this 28-day period, we must allow the agency to get into the property to check it over or to show round possible future tenants. Finally, when we leave we mustn't take any fittings or furniture with us. I think that's everything - I told them we'd sign the actual contract when we move in.

Love, Holly

Tenancy agreement

1.1 Please note that the keeping of pets is (1) strictly forbidden in the house.

1.2 Respect must be given to the (2) _____ of the adjacent house with regard to noise and loud music.

1.3 The house must be (3) _____ in good (4) _____

1.4 In the (5) _____ of fire at the property, please (6) _____ the agency of the details immediately.

1.5 Persistent failure to (7) _____ the above rules may result in you, the tenant, being (8) _____

1.6 Please inform us 28 days in (9) _____ of your intention to (10) _____ the premises.

1.7 During this 28-day period, you must allow the agency or the landlady (11) _____ to the property should they wish to (12) _____ it, or should they wish (13) _____ tenants to (14) _____ the property.

1.8 No fittings and furniture may (15) _____ by you on your leaving.