



By the sea



In the forest

What would be  
the perfect  
location for your  
house?



In the city



By the river



In the village

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Word Skills

**do, make and take**

*I can use 'do', 'make' and 'take' correctly.*



Imagine you were trying to sell the house in the photo.

How would you describe it?

Do you think the house would be easy or difficult to sell? Why?

утёс, скала

стекло

метал

океан

скала

вид

современный

просторный

впечатляющий

уникальный

2 Work in pairs. Complete the dialogue in an estate agent's using the infinitive without *to* of these verbs: *do, make, take*.

- Agent Good morning. What can I <sup>1</sup> do for you?
- Woman Can I ask you about that amazing house that's built on a cliff?
- Agent Yes, of course. You can <sup>2</sup> take a look at some more pictures on my computer.
- Woman Amazing! Are there any pictures of the inside?
- Agent Yes – and they're just as impressive. <sup>3</sup> Take this one, for example. Look at the view from that sofa!
- Woman I love it. Can I make an ap around?
- Agent I'm afraid you can't <sup>5</sup> do exist yet! You need to cho the house would only <sup>4</sup> take build, according to Modsc supplies them.
- Woman I see. I need to find somev to make up my mind quick
- Agent Can I ask what you <sup>8</sup> do
- Woman I'm a yoga teacher.
- Agent Where do you teach?

- Woman At the local sports centre. But if I moved to a bigger house, I'd want to make one room into a yoga studio.
- Agent Well, this house would be a great place to <sup>10</sup> do yoga! Just <sup>11</sup> take your yoga mat outside onto the cliff. Imagine the sunrise over the waves, the solitude ...
- Woman I suppose you would be alone there ... except for all the people who stop to <sup>12</sup> take photos of your house!

**LEARN THIS!** *do, make and take*



The verbs *do, make* and *take* are very common in English. They each have a basic meaning:

- *do* = to perform an action or activity
- *make* = to create or cause something
- *take* = to move something from one place to another

However, the verbs have other meanings and are used in a large number of phrases. You need to check these in a dictionary.



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Do you think  
the woman is  
keen on buying  
the house?  
Why? / Why not?



- 5 **DICTIONARY WORK** Read a short extract from a dictionary entry for *take*. Answer the questions.

**take** /teɪk/ verb (**pt** **took** /tʊk/; **pp** **taken** /ˈteɪkən/)

- ▶ **PHOTOGRAPH** to photograph sth: *I **took** some nice **photos** of the wedding.*
- ▶ **MEASUREMENT** to measure sth: *The doctor **took** my **temperature**.*
- ▶ **EAT / DRINK** to swallow sth: ***Take** two **tablets** four times a day.* • Do you **take** **sugar** in tea?

- 1 What do 'pt' and 'pp' stand for?
- 2 How many different meanings are included?
- 3 How are the different meanings separated?
- 4 Why are some words in the examples in bold? Is it to show a grammatical rule, a useful collocation, or a spelling rule?

## Answers:

- 1 pt = past tense; pp = past participle
- 2 Three meanings are included.
- 3 They are separated with small arrows.
- 4 Because they show a useful collocation.



**6 USE OF ENGLISH** Choose the word (A, B or C) that fits the gap in both sentences (a and b). Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the verbs.

1 a I \_\_\_ French classes for a year, but I can't speak it well.

b I \_\_\_ my Spanish exam last week and passed.

A did

B made

**C took**

2 a Thanks for inviting me to your party, but I'm afraid I can't \_\_\_ it.

b What's the time? I \_\_\_ it 7.30.

A do

**B make**

C take

3 a The waves are \_\_\_ a lot of damage to the cliffs.

b He was \_\_\_ 150 km/h when the police stopped him.

**A doing**

B making

C taking

4 a That noise has been going on all night. I can't \_\_\_ it any more!

b I wish you would \_\_\_ your schoolwork more seriously.

A do

B make

**C take**

Do = to perform an action or activity

Make = to create or cause something

Take = to move something from one place to another

# 1 Underline the correct verb: *do* or *make*.

- 1 Can I do / make a suggestion?
- 2 We need to do / make more research before we buy a car.
- 3 I helped my parents to do / make the housework.
- 4 We didn't do / make a sound as we entered the house.
- 5 Let's try not to do / make a mess in the living room.
- 6 A car drove into our wall, but it didn't do / make much damage.
- 7 Before we start eating, I'd like to do / make an announcement.
- 8 I offer do / make the cooking at weekends.



To make a  
sound



To make a  
mess



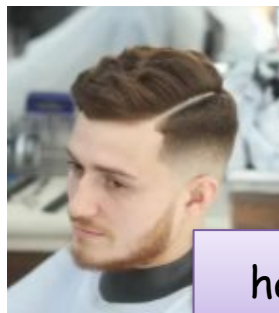
To do damage



To make an  
announcement

## 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *do* or *make*.

- 1 I didn't enjoy the exercise class, but it probably **did** me good.
- 2 He finds exams difficult, but he always **does** his best.
- 3 It wasn't my birthday yesterday – you **made** a mistake.
- 4 Both hotels look great, but we have to **make** a choice.
- 5 I like your new haircut. It **makes/ has made** a big difference to your appearance.
- 6 Did you see that motorbike? It was **doing** about 200 km/h!



haircut

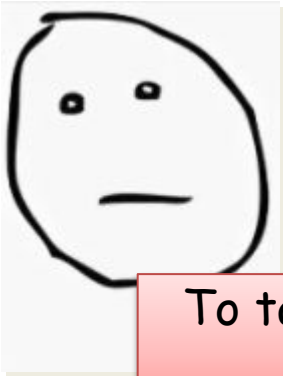




When did you do your best?

When did you take it easy?

When didn't you take something seriously?



To take something  
seriously



To do smn's best



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Reading

## Alternative living

*I can understand an article about alternative houses.*



Look at the photos and the Titles of the text A-D.  
What do you think the texts are about?

*Living sculptures*

*The designer micro-house*

*Build your own tiny home*

*Well-contained housing*

## 2 Quickly read texts A–D and check your ideas.

### Reading Strategy

#### A *Living sculpture*

Gregory Kloehn is a sculptor. Not only are his sculptures created, but each of his unique creations is a person somewhere to live.

#### Reading Strategy

When you find evidence in the text that supports an answer, underline it and note which question it refers to. If you do that, you can find it again easily when you are checking all your answers at the end.

- 5 Gregory works in California, where there are a lot of people living on the streets. Each of his sculptures is no bigger than the average sofa, but the tiny, one-roomed shelters are as wonderful as mansions for a person who is sleeping rough.
- 10 Gregory searches on rubbish dumps to find pieces to use. A washing machine door is as good as a normal window. A fridge door can make a fine front door, and has useful shelves on the inside. And each home is on wheels so that it can be pushed around easily.
- 15 Gregory used to make sculptures for rich people. Now he knows that his creations really make a difference to people's lives. And he has also inspired other people to start building.

Shelter - приют  
Rubbish dumps - свалки

To inspire - вдохновлять  
Tiny - крошечный

#### *own tiny home*

house, would you build it yourself? building miniature homes for more cheaply and in a more. And with wheels on their home, t of the fun is making it yourself -

even if you don't know how.

- 25 'Most people who are interested in tiny houses don't have any building experience,' says Ryan Mitchell, founder of TheTinyLife.com website, who organises conferences for interested people, and one of the conference speakers is Dee Williams, who has been living in her cosy wooden
- 30 home since 2004. She wishes that more help had been available then. 'I didn't know anyone else who was building a little house at the time, anywhere,' she says. Now you can find thousands of instructional videos on YouTube, if you want to make your own!

Experience - опыт  
A founder - основатель  
Cheap - дешёвый  
To organise - организовывать  
Cosy - уютный



### C *The designer micro-house*

- 35 Italian architect Renzo Piano is famous for designing Europe's tallest skyscraper, the Shard in London. Now he has gone to the other extreme: he's designed the smallest house possible. It's just two and a half by three metres and can be carried on a lorry. The interior is divided into two halves. There's a living room in the front with a sofa and folding table. At the back of the house, there's a small kitchen with a cooker and fridge, a shower and a toilet. It's really energy-efficient, with solar panels on the roof and a container to collect rainwater, so the house is incredibly cheap to run. The house is called 'Diogene', named after the Greek philosopher Diogenes who rejected luxury by living in a large ceramic jar! The Diogene is currently on display in Germany. And at just £17,000, this designer house isn't as expensive as many family cars, so a lot of people are interested in it.

To develop - развиваться  
Desirable - подходящий  
Spacious - просторный  
Stackable - складывающийся  
To pick up - собирать

### D *Well-contained housing*

- 50 If you heard that they were putting homeless people into shipping containers, you might be shocked. But that's exactly what is happening in Brighton, England. The Brighton Housing Trust has been inspired by a similar housing estate in the Netherlands. It is developing 36 studio flats in the town centre, using old shipping containers. The flats will have a window at each end and a toilet and shower room in the middle. On one side there'll be a kitchen and small dining table, and on the other side a living room with a sofa bed. At 24 square metres, they are smaller than a shared room in a homeless hostel. But they are much more desirable and certainly spacious enough for one person. They are also stackable. The containers will sit on top of one another with stairs connecting them. And in future, if somebody wants to move them, they can simply pick them up and take them to another site.



Skyscraper

To divide into - делить на  
Efficient - умелый,  
эффективный  
To reject - отвергать



4 Match the texts (A–D) with the sentences (1–7) below.  
Three texts match with two sentences. Make a note of the evidence you found to support your answers.

- B** 1 Now you can find thousands of instructional videos on YouTube, if you want to make your own!
- A** 2 Gregory searches on rubbish dumps to find pieces to use. A washing machine door ... A fridge door ... has useful shelves on the inside.
- C** 3 The house is called 'Diogene', named after the ancient Greek philosopher Diogenes, who rejected luxury by living in a large ceramic jar!
- B** 4 Ryan Mitchell, founder of thetinylife.com website, who organises conferences for interested people.
- C** 5 It's really energy-efficient, with solar panels on the roof.
- D** 6 The Brighton Housing Trust has been inspired by a similar housing estate in the Netherlands.
- D** 7 They are also stackable. The containers will sit on top of one another with stairs connecting them.

**A** *Living sculptures*

Gregory Kloehn is a sculptor with a difference. Not only are his sculptures created from bits of rubbish, but each of his unique creations offers a homeless person somewhere to live.

- 5 Gregory works in California, where there are a lot of people living on the streets. Each of his sculptures is no bigger than the average sofa, but the tiny, one-roomed shelters are as wonderful as mansions for a person who is sleeping rough.
- 10 Gregory searches on rubbish dumps to find pieces to use. A washing machine door is as good as a normal window. A fridge door can make a fine front door, and has useful shelves on the inside. And each home is on wheels so that it can be pushed around easily.
- 15 Gregory used to make sculptures for rich people. Now he knows that his creations really make a difference to people's lives. And he has also inspired other people to start building.

A

**B** *Build your own tiny home*

If you wanted your own house, would you build it yourself?

- 20 Some Americans are now building miniature homes for themselves in order to live more cheaply and in a more ecological way than usual. And with wheels on their home, they can go anywhere! Part of the fun is making it yourself – even if you don't know how.
- 25 'Most people who are interested in tiny houses don't have any building experience,' says Ryan Mitchell, founder of TheTinyLife.com website, who organises conferences for interested people, and one of the conference speakers is Dee Williams, who has been living in her cosy wooden home since 2004. She wishes that more help had been available then. 'I didn't know anyone else who was building a little house at the time, anywhere,' she says. Now you can find thousands of instructional videos on YouTube, if you want to make your own!

B

**C** *The designer micro-house*

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C

**D** *Used housing*

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- 45 At 24 square metres, they are smaller than a shared room in a homeless hostel. But they are much more desirable and certainly spacious enough for one person. They are also stackable. The containers will sit on top of one another with stairs connecting them. And in future, if somebody wants to move them, they can simply pick them up and take them to another site.

D

- 6 **VOCABULARY** Match a–j with 1–10 to make compound nouns. They are all in the texts. Which two are written as one word?

**Compound nouns**

- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 1 rubbish  | a bed        |
| 2 sofa     | b scraper    |
| 3 front    | c containers |
| 4 sky      | d door       |
| 5 dining   | e dump       |
| 6 solar    | f estate     |
| 7 rain     | g flat       |
| 8 shipping | h table      |
| 9 housing  | i panels     |
| 10 studio  | j water      |

skyscraper

rainwater

## 7 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where does Gregory Kloehn find the parts to make his houses?
- 2 What does Gregory sometimes use as a front door?
- 3 How long has Dee Williams been living in her tiny house?
- 4 What is the architect of the micro-house famous for?
- 5 In what way is the micro-house energy-efficient?
- 6 Apart from the UK, in which country have containers been made into flats?

- 1 He finds them in rubbish dumps.
- 2 He sometimes uses a fridge door.
- 3 She has been living there since 2004.
- 4 He is famous for designing the Shard in London.
- 5 It has solar panels and a container to collect rainwater.
- 6 In the Netherlands.





8 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

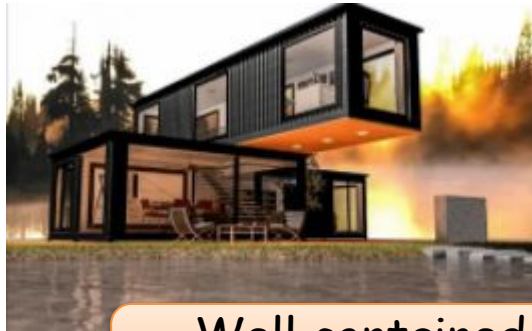
- 1 Which home is the most original and clever, do you think? Why?
- 2 Which is the most useful from a social point of view? Why?
- 3 Which of the homes would you like to live in? Why?
- 4 Which of the homes would you not like to live in? Why not?



Living sculptures



Micro house



Well contained housing



Own tiny house