

Word on the Street Homes of the Future

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Which of these things do we see in the documentary?

1. A shower which uses rain water and solar energy.
2. A washing machine which uses just one litre of water.
3. A front door which recognises people's fingerprints.
4. A computer which controls the temperature and music in the home.
5. A fridge which tells you when food has gone bad.
6. A chair with a built-in library.
7. A generator which makes electricity using rubbish from the kitchen.
8. A solar-powered television.

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Decide if the sentences are true or false.

1. The houses are part of an estate for rich people.
2. With some of the houses, it's easy to add floors if you want more space.

3. Peter White is the engineer in charge of the houses.
4. Peter White says that houses in the future will be completely different from today's.
5. One of the visitors to the houses says she'd like a house which can clean itself.
6. Another visitor says he'd like to be able to watch films in every room.

Activity 3

Match the words with the nouns to make collocations.

a hot / control / home / marketing / rain /
renewable / solar / the latest

1. _____ design
2. _____ shower
3. _____ energy
4. _____ water
5. _____ technology
6. _____ manager
7. _____ panel
8. _____ energy

Discussion

- What's the most modern home you know?
- How do homes in your country compare with homes in the UK?
- Which one or two of the things you saw in the video would you like to have in your home?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

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Activity 2

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False

Activity 3

1. home design
2. a hot shower
3. solar energy
4. rain water
5. the latest technology
6. marketing manager
7. control panel
8. renewable energy