Workshop 21 — A House with a History

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How each part went

Section	Exercise	Score	
P1a	Listening 8.11: the eight words	**4 / 8**	
P1b	Listening 8.12: three questions	**1 / 3**	
P2a	Listening 8.13: six extracts	**4 / 6**	
P2c	Listening 8.14: three questions	**3 / 3**	
P3a	Vocabulary: rooms	**10 / 10**	
P3b	Vocabulary: parts of a house	**5 / 5**	
P3c	Vocabulary: things in a room	**15 / 18**	
P4a	there is / there are	**9 / 10**	
P4b	a, an, some, any	**8 / 8**	
P4c	There is or It is	**6 / 6**	
P4d	there was / there were	**6 / 8**	
P4e	Your home, now and before	**11 / 12**	

Every correction, in one place

The same corrections are written in red next to each cross on your pages.

Item	You wrote	It should be
P1a.3	sofa.	**armchairs**
P1a.5	bathroom	**toilet**
P1a.6	In the floor 2	**downstairs**
P1a.8	to the floor 3	**upstairs**
P1b.2	The bedroom was of the parent's Miss Barbara	**it was Miss Travers's own bedroom**
P1b.3	yes, They did.	**they do NOT decide yet**
P2a.3	thought	**say**
P2a.6	horrible	**awful**
P3c cupboard	17	**30**
P3c shelf	30	**26**
P3c wardrobe	26	**17**
P4a.1	There isn't	**There's**
P4d.5	There was	**There wasn't**
P4d.7	there wasn't	**There weren't**
P4e.12	(condition)	**two sentences must use some or any; only one does**

Notes on the marking

- Parts 5 and 6 (model and video) are not in the scan and are not in the 97.
- The Spanish gloss 'algunos' on the Part 4e instruction line is a note to herself, not an answer.

Workshop 21: A House with a History ➤

Describing where you live, and what is in it

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This workshop goes with unit 8B of your book. Keep the book open beside you: the two listening tasks use the texts on pages 64 and 65, and you write your answers here.

You will need four recordings: **8.11, 8.12, 8.13** and **8.14**. Play each one as many times as you want. Three times is normal, and nobody is watching.

Your plan for today ▸

- **Part 1** Listening: a young couple see a country house
- **Part 2** Listening: what they hear in the village pub
- **Part 3** Vocabulary: the house, from the roof to the garage
- **Part 4** Grammar: there is / there are, some / any, there was / there were
- **Part 5** Project: build a model of your house
- **Part 6** Speaking: your video, on our Facebook page

① Listening: a house in the country

Kim and Leo are a young couple from the USA. They want to rent the house in the advertisement on page 64 of your book, and Miss Travers, who lived there a long time ago, is showing them round.

▸ **AUDIO 8.11** Kim and Leo look round the house with Miss Travers.

a. ✎ Listen again and complete the conversation. 8 points

The conversation is printed on page 64 of your book. Listen, and write the missing word for each number here.

#	clue	write the word you hear
1	*a room for a car*	Garage ✓
2	*the first room they go into*	living room ✓
3	*something you sit in*	sofa ✗ armchairs
4	*the room with the cooker*	kitchen ✓
5	*a small room with a toilet*	bathroom ✗ toilet
6	*where it is*	In the Floor 2 ✗ downstairs
7	*the people who live near you*	neighbours ✓
8	*where they go next*	to the Floor 3 ✗ upstairs

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Tip: **Listen for the words you already know.** If you catch *garage* or *kitchen*, you have the gap. You do not need to understand every word.

▸ **AUDIO 8.12** Upstairs, and the decision.

b. Listen and answer. 3 points

1 What does Kim say about one of the bedrooms?

she said the bedrooms was very, colds. ✓

2 Whose bedroom was it? 1b.2 it was Miss Travers's own bedroom

the bedroom was of the parent's Miss Barbara ✗

3 Do they decide to rent the house?

yes, they did. ✗ they do NOT decide yet

② Listening: in the village pub

Kim and Leo go to the local pub, and the barman has something to tell them about the house. The six extracts are on page 65 of your book.

▸ **AUDIO 8.13** Kim, Leo and the barman. Six short extracts.

a. Listen and complete extracts 1 to 6. 6 points

#	clue	write the word you hear
1	*Kim: "Cheers. To our new ..."*	house ✓
2	*Leo: "Is something ...?"*	wrong ✓
3	*Barman: "Some people ... that she was the one that did it."*	thought ✗ say
4	*Barman: "Didn't she ... you?"*	tell ✓
5	*Kim: "Tell us ...?"*	what? ✓
6	*Kim: "Oh, how ...!"*	horrible ✗ awful

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b. ✎ **What do you think they find out? Write one sentence.**

they found signsas if someone were inhabiting the dwelling while they are away.

▸ **AUDIO 8.14** Now the whole conversation.

c. ✎ **Listen to the whole conversation. 3 points**

1 What do Kim and Leo decide to do in the end?

they decided go ✓

2 Why?

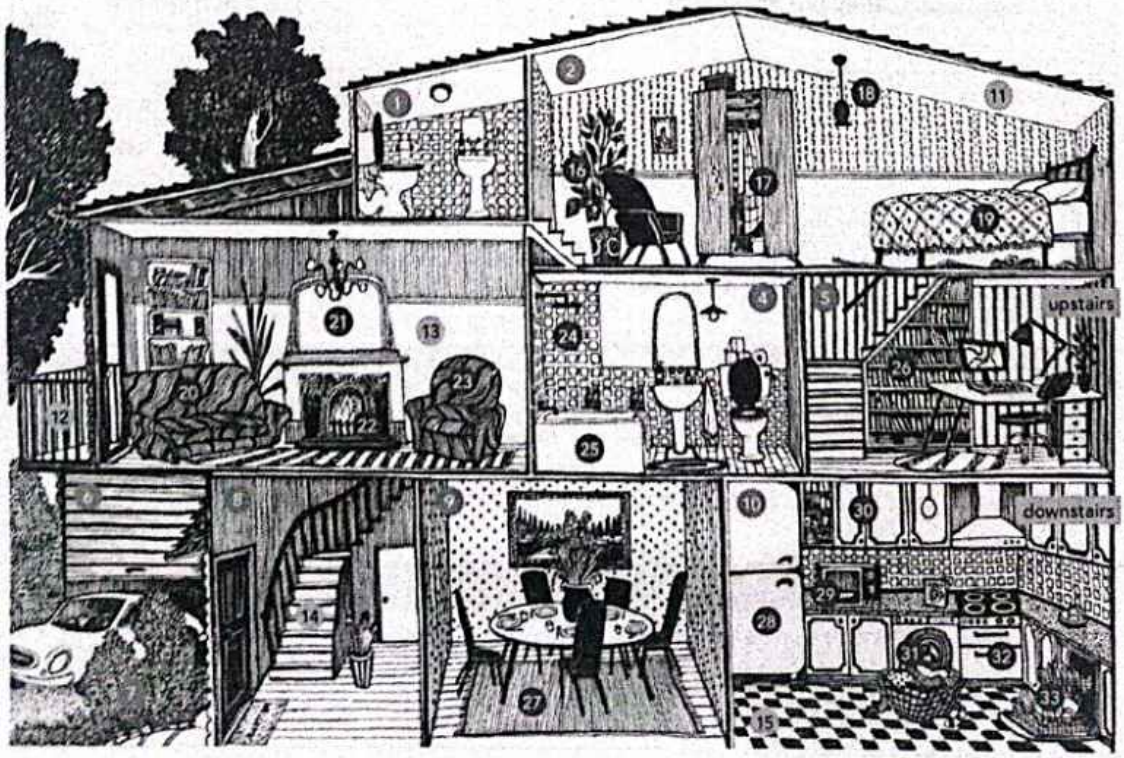
because they had committed a murder in that house ✓

3 Would you rent the house? Why, or why not?

NO, because, I would be scared ✓

③ Vocabulary: the house

Thirty-three words, in three groups. **Look at the picture with the numbers,** then write the number of each word in the box. The first one in each group is done for you.



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a. Rooms. Match the words and pictures 1 to 10. 10 points

4	a bathroom /ˈbɑːθruːm/	✓	2	a bedroom /ˈbedruːm/ ✓
9	a dining room /ˈdaɪnɪŋ ruːm/	✓	6	a garage /ˈgærɑːʒ/ /ˈgærɑːdʒ/ ✓
7	a garden /ˈgɑːdn/	✓	8	a hall /hɔːl/ ✓
10	a kitchen /ˈkɪtʃɪn/	✓	3	a living room /ˈlɪvɪŋ ruːm/ ✓
5	a study /ˈstʌdi/	✓	1	a toilet /ˈtɔɪlət/ ✓

b. Parts of a house. Match the words and pictures 11 to 15. 5 points

12	a balcony /ˈbælkəni/	✓	11	a ceiling /ˈsiːlɪŋ/ ✓
15	a floor /flɔː/	✓	14	stairs /steəz/ ✓
13	a wall /wɔːl/	✓		

c. Things in a room. Match the words and pictures 16 to 33. 18 points

23	an armchair /ˈɑːmtʃeə/	✓	25	a bath /bɑːθ/	✓
19	a bed /bed/	✓	27	a carpet /ˈkɑːpɪt/	✓
32	a cooker /ˈkʊkə/	✓	17	a cupboard /ˈkʌbəd/	✗ 30
33	a dishwasher /ˈdɪʃwɒʃə/	✓	22	a fireplace /ˈfaɪəpleɪs/	✓
28	a fridge /frɪdʒ/	✓	18	a light /laɪt/	✓
29	a microwave /ˈmaɪkrəweɪv/	✓	21	a mirror /ˈmɪrə/	✓
16	a plant /plɑːnt/	✓	30	a shelf (shelves) /ʃelf/	✗ 26
24	a shower /ˈʃaʊə/	✓	20	a sofa /ˈsəʊfə/	✓
26	a wardrobe /ˈwɔːdrəʊb/	✗ 17	31	a washing machine /ˈwɒʃɪŋ məʃiːn/	✓

Central heating and air conditioning

Central heating is a system that makes a house warm.

Air conditioning is a system that makes a house cool.

Tip: **Three to be careful with.** A *cupboard* is for plates and food; a *wardrobe* is for clothes. And the *toilet* is the small room, not only the thing in it.

④ Grammar: there is, there are, there was, there were

We use ***there is*** and ***there are*** to say that something exists. We are not pointing at it; we are telling somebody it is in the world.

	one thing	two or more things
+	**There's** a garage.	**There are some** plants in the room.
–	**There isn't** a swimming pool.	**There aren't any** neighbours.

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?	Is there a bathroom downstairs?	Are there any neighbours with children?
short answer	Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.	Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.

Tip: ***some*** and ***any*** mean "I am not telling you the number". Use **some** when you say yes, and **any** when you say no or when you ask.

a. Complete with There's, There are, There isn't, There aren't, Is there or Are there. 10 points

1 (+) There isn't a fireplace in the living room. There's
2 (?) Are there any towels in the bathroom?
3 (–) there isn't a garage at this house.
4 (+) There are some cups in the cupboard.
5 (?) Is there a mirror in your bedroom?
6 (–) there aren't any chairs in the garden.
7 (+) there are three bedrooms and a study.
8 (+) There's a washing machine in the kitchen.
9 (?) Are there any shelves in the study?
10 (–) there isn't a balcony in my flat.

b. Complete with a, an, some or any. 8 points

1 There's an office on the second floor.
2 There are some plants in the kitchen.
3 Are there any shops near the house?
4 There isn't a shower in the bathroom.
5 There aren't any buses after ten o'clock.
6 There's an old wardrobe in the bedroom.
7 We've got some eggs in the fridge.
8 Is there a garden at the back?

c. There is or It is? 6 points

There is / There are	It is / They are
introduces something new. *There's a key on the table.*	**talks about something we already know.** *It's the key to the kitchen.*

1 There is a new café on Grey Street.
2 I go there every morning. It is very quiet.
3 there are four people in the dining room.
4 Those are my neighbours. They are from Bogotá.
5 There is a problem with the shower again.
6 Don't sit on that armchair. It is broken.

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⚠ **The past: there was and there were** To talk about a house as it was before, use **there was** and **there were**. They work exactly like *there is* and *there are*, only in the past.

There was a big mirror in the hall. *There weren't any ghosts.*

Was there a bathroom? *Yes, there was. / No, there wasn't.*

d. Complete with there was, there were, there wasn't or there weren't. 8 points

1 there was a big fireplace in the old living room.
2 there were four bedrooms upstairs.
3 there wasn't any central heating in 1950.
4 there were two trees in the garden.
5 There was a garage, because nobody had a car. There wasn't
6 there were some beautiful carpets on the floor.
7 there wasn't any neighbours near the house. There weren't
8 there was a toilet downstairs.

e. Your home, now and before. 12 points

Write six sentences about the home you live in now, and six about a home you lived in before. Use *there is / there are* for now and *there was / there were* for before. Two of your twelve must be negative, and two must use *some* or *any*. algunos → algunos

Now

there is a chair in the cooker
there is not a dinning room in the house
There is disorder in my house
there are many cars in the park
there's no time to go to the fair
There is a vase on the table

Before

There was no bathoom in my house
There was a park on the estate
There was no laundry area in the dwelling.
There were no houses nearby
There were some animals in the care of the neighbors
There were many eucalyptus trees near the house

4e.12 two sentences must use some or any; only one does

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