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40 MORE Combined Skills Lessons for the Common European Framework

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 SCHOLASTIC

31 FUNHOUSE

1 Talk to a partner about these questions.

- 1 What is a "gadget"?
 - A) something you keep in the fridge
 - B) a type of picture
 - C) something small and clever that makes jobs easier
- 2 Do you have any gadgets in your house? What?
- 3 What gadgets would you like to have?

2 Here are some things we may find in the "houses of the future". Which are shown in the picture? Number each of them.

- 1 electronic taps
- 2 a machine that washes, dries and irons clothes
- 3 a phone that tells you who is calling
- 4 a waterproof entertainment system in the bathroom
- 5 a steam room with CD player
- 6 an eco friendly waste system
- 7 room to room intercom
- 8 electronic changing pictures
- 9 windows that clean themselves
- 10 curtains that open and close when you tell them
- 11 self cleaning carpets



3 Listen to this phone conversation and tick which of the above things are mentioned.

4 Why is the family spending time in this house?

- A) They won a prize. B) They bought the house. C) It's a sort of test.

5 Which of these sentences are true for

- A) Abby B) Brian C) neither**
- 1 I would love to live in a house like this. **A B C**
 - 2 I would like to spend some time in a house like this. **A B C**
 - 3 I would never spend time in a house like this. **A B C**
 - 4 I think this house is amazing. **A B C**
 - 5 I don't understand some of these gadgets. **A B C**



6 Match these words and expressions from the conversation with the meanings.

- 1 Weird
- 2 After a while
- 3 That's a relief
- 4 Can you imagine?
- 5 You're kidding!
- 6 It would do my head in!

- A) I would go crazy.
- B) You're joking!
- C) Strange!
- D) Soon
- E) Thank goodness!
- F) Isn't that fantastic?

Give your partner a situation to respond to using one of the expressions.

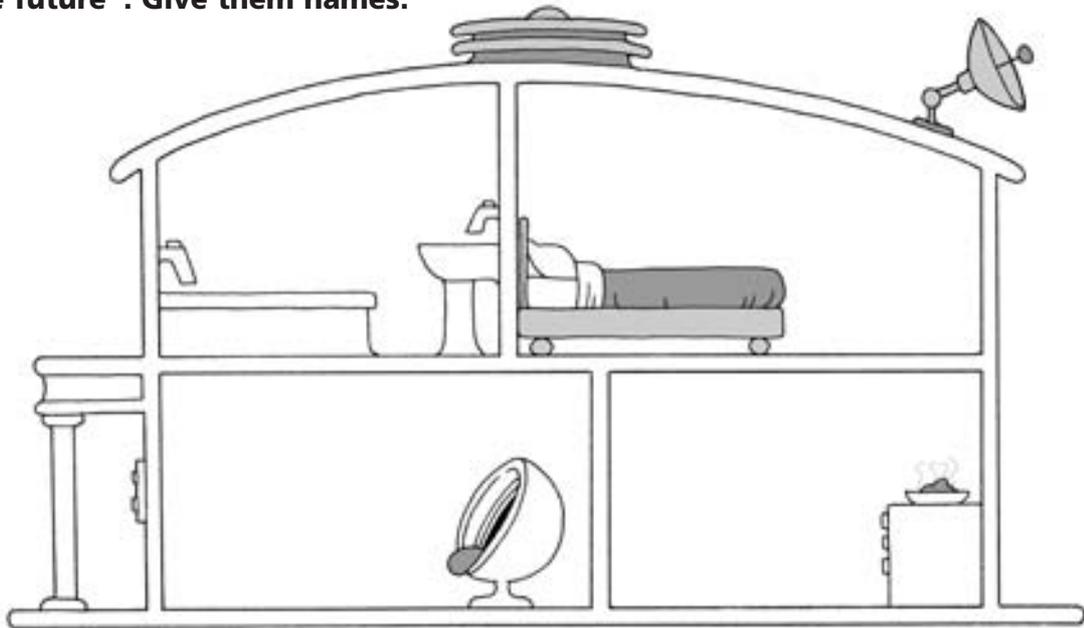
7 Listen again. How does Abby explain these things?

- 1 hi-tech
- 2 waterproof
- 3 weather monitor

Would you like to have these gadgets in your house? Why/not?

What do you think it would be like to live in a house like this?

8 Speaking. With your partner think of some more gadgets you could have in a "house of the future". Give them names.



9 Change partners and tell your new partner about these ideas. Here are some expressions that Brian used when he didn't understand. Use some of these in your conversations.



10 Writing. Write a paragraph about your "house of the future". Begin: *In my house of the future there will be ...*

Can-do checklist

- I can ask for clarification.
- I can compensate for not knowing the meaning of a word.
- I can write a short description.
- I can understand a speaker's point of view.