

UNIT 7: Architecture Exercise 1: Understanding analogies (1)

Match the definitions with the analogies in bold.

1 The business is **struggling to stay afloat**.

working hard to avoid failure



2 Right now, the shop is a bit of **a cave**, actually.

dark, unwelcoming place



3 The building's **a treasure**.

beautiful and valuable



4 If we got a famous chef to cook at the restaurant, it would be like **a licence to print money**.

an easy way to earn income



5 Getting the interior decoration right will be the **key** to making it work.

solution



6 I think we'd be **digging ourselves into a hole** if we tried to fully restore the building.

creating a lot of problems



7 The **heart** of any restaurant is the kitchen.

central, most important part

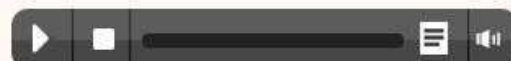


8 We'll definitely be **raising the tone** of the area if we get it right.

improving



Listen to the conversation. Pay attention to the analogies. Choose whether they are used to present a *positive* or a *negative* opinion.



		Positive	Negative
the furniture sold by the furniture shop	✓	☐	☒
the interior of the shop	✓	☐	☒
the design of the building	✓	☒	☐
the idea of opening a restaurant	✓	☒	☐
the idea of having some modern features in the new restaurant	✓	☒	☐
the idea of completely restoring the building to its original condition	✓	☐	☒
the effect that the new restaurant will have on the area	✓	☒	☐
the negotiations with the current owners	✓	☐	☒



Listen and choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The speakers' company ☒ a shop in the town centre.
- 2 The woman says the furniture shop's products ☒.
- 3 In the past, the shop had ☒.
- 4 The woman likes the building's ☒ as they are now.
- 5 The woman suggests ☒ the building's old lights.
- 6 The tables and chairs, and the artwork, will be ☒.
- 7 The seller of the building ☒ the selling price of the building.
- 8 The woman plans to meet the building's ☒ tomorrow.



Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We hope ✓ (*start*) work on the building next month.
- 2 Ahmed anticipates ✓ (*finish*) his project this afternoon.
- 3 Do you intend ✓ (*get*) in touch with Mr Al Harbi, or shall I do it?
- 4 I envisage ✓ (*knock*) down the old building next month.
- 5 They promised ✓ (*show*) us some revised plans next Monday.
- 6 She expects ✓ (*have*) a clear answer from the local government soon.
- 7 When do you plan ✓ (*complete*) the work on the new design?
- 8 Can we please arrange ✓ (*meet*) the residents early next year?



UNIT 7: Architecture Exercise 5: Verb or noun?

Complete the sentences. Use the words in the boxes.

- 1 The new shops and restaurants in the town centre **contribute** ✓ to the feeling of excitement in the area.
- 2 We want the building to be easy to **maintain** ✓, so we shouldn't use materials that need to be painted often.
- 3 There's been a real **transformation** ✓ in the old part of town since a lot of galleries opened there.
- 4 When companies fail, they sometimes **abandon** ✓ their buildings and leave them standing empty.
- 5 The **conversion** ✓ of the old factory into flats wasn't easy, but it has become one of the most desirable locations to live in.
- 6 Since the **acquisition** ✓ of the wasteland by my company last year, we have cleared the property and prepared it for building.
- 7 The city will **expand** ✓ to the south as more people choose to build houses there.
- 8 The main role of the research team is the **identification** ✓ of possible properties in the area for acquisition and development.

acquire

transform

identify

convert

contribution

expansion

abandonment

maintenance

Put the sentences in the correct order.

Ben: I'm concerned about the design.

Liz: I'm not sure I follow you.

Ben: I'm worried that this design doesn't give us enough space.



Liz: Well, why don't we consider reducing the outside space to create more space inside?

Ben: That's a great idea, but I'm not sure it addresses the main problem. The real issue here is that the area of land we're planning to build on is too small.

Liz: Would you mind telling me a bit more about that? I thought the land was big enough.

Ben: At first I thought it was big enough, but now I realize it presents some problems.

Liz: Can you explain what you mean by 'problems'?

Ben: Sure. The main problem is that we feel we need more space inside the building, but we can't give up any space outside.

Complete the conversations. Use the expressions in the box.

- 1 A The problem is that we don't have enough money.
 B Have you thought about increasing the budget?
 A I like the idea, but where we would get the money?
 B We'd have to decrease the budget on something else.

- 2 A The main issue is that the roof is collapsing.
 B Can I suggest we knock the building down and start again?
 A Could you expand on that?
 B I think it might be easier if we don't try to save the old building.

- 3 A We need to find a way around the problem of saving the trees.
 B We could move them.
 A Would you mind telling us a bit more about that?
 B We could hire a specialist company to dig up the trees and remove them from the site.

Can I suggest can you explain

Could you expand

Have you thought The main issue

The problem is that We could

We need to find a way around

Would you mind

Listen and choose which word speaker B stresses.

- 1 ▶ A: I like the new sports centre. ✓
B: Oh, really? I don't like it very much.
☐ Oh
☒ don't
☐ it
☐ very
- 2 ▶ A: I'm glad they knocked down the old shopping centre. ✓
B: Are you? I'm not, I liked it.
☐ you
☒ not
☐ I
☐ it
- 3 ▶ A: I think adding a glass and steel building is a great idea. ✓
B: I'm not so sure. I'd rather see a brick building.
☐ so
☐ rather
☐ see
☒ brick
- 4 ▶ A: I'd like to see the warehouse converted to offices. ✓
B: Actually, I think it would be better to make flats.
☐ think
☐ be
☐ make
☒ flats
- 5 ▶ A: I think with that building, we'd be biting off more than we can chew. ✓
B: Yes, but Mr Brown thinks the building has potential.
☒ Mr Brown
☐ thinks
☐ building
☐ has
- 6 ▶ A: I think we should use red brick for this project. ✓
B: I'm not sure, I think brown brick might be better.
☐ not
☐ I
☒ brown
☐ be
- 7 ▶ A: We can't go over the budget. ✓
B: I'm afraid we have to go over this time.
☐ afraid
☐ we
☒ have to
☐ time
- 8 ▶ A: The main problem is the schedule. ✓
B: I don't think so. The main problem is the design.
☐ so
☐ problem
☐ is
☒ design

Listen to the key words in each sentence. Match the sentences with the best explanations.

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- 1 ▶ We have other, smaller problems, but this is the main problem. ✓
- 2 ▶ We have enough time, but money is the one thing we don't have enough of. ✓
- 3 ▶ Other people have different problems, but this problem is the one we have to deal with. ✓
- 4 ▶ There are a lot of different problems, but the scheduling problem is the one we need to focus on. ✓
- 5 ▶ We can't ignore this problem. We must deal with it. ✓
- 6 ▶ We need to find a different approach to the scheduling problem. ✓