

Skim the paragraphs of the essay. Put the main ideas of each paragraph into the correct order.

Protection from attack

A cool space

Privacy, modesty and hospitality

Importance of extended family



house is considered a private space. In accordance, the exterior of a typical courtyard house has very small windows and doors, which mean it is hard to see inside. The exterior of the house is generally very plain and gives no clues to the wealth of its inhabitants, whereas the courtyard is often decorated with Islamic calligraphy and geometric patterns. Within the courtyard, a covered space called the *ivan* can be found. This serves as a seating area for guests.

The organization of the courtyard house allows for an extended family to live closely together. In China, the traditional courtyard house, or *siheyuan*, consists of separate houses for different parts of the wider family.

To sum up, the main factors influencing the design of the courtyard house are protection from the elements, privacy, hospitality, and the importance of the family. Given this large

Read the essay again. Complete the sentences using the phrases from the box.

1 The design of a courtyard house

goes back to 3000 BC.



2 The basement of a courtyard house

functions as a cooling space.



3 Small windows and doors

ensure the interior is private.



4 The *ivan*

serves as a seating area for guests.



5 Members of extended family

live together in independent units.



Discuss the main social and geographical factors which have brought about the design of the courtyard house. Give examples to illustrate your point.



The courtyard house – a house of two storeys or more built around a square courtyard, which is open to the sky above.

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 The  impact of the new road is only just beginning to be understood.
- 2 The Alhambra in Granada is a stunning example of Moorish .
- 3 In designing green buildings, architects are acting .
- 4 The installation of new windows created a more energy  home.
- 5 Derelict houses are a  sight.
- 6 The form of the car complimented its  perfectly.

Use the words in the box to make new words. You do not need all the words.

spread

architect

1 green

belt



2 solar

panel



3 structural

engineer



4 urban

sprawl



Complete the text. Use the words in the box. You do not need all the words.

The Sherwood housing development offers a range of ✓ housing for those just starting out on the property ladder. Each of our properties satisfies ✓ credentials as they are powered by solar energy. The award-winning ✓ of the development has designed each house with great care and has insisted on the highest quality finish throughout. Triple glazed windows guarantee maximum energy ✓. Fixtures and fittings are made of the most ✓ materials, ensuring long-lasting use. Therefore, there's no need for home buyers to ✓ on quality for the sake of price.

architect	architecture	
compromise	compromising	
durable	affordable	
afford	efficiency	efficient
	green	

Match the words to the pictures. You will not need all the words.

mud

a tomb

brick

a queen

1



marble



2



a tile



3



a mosque



4



a tower



5



a palace



6



a sultan



Choose the correct words to match the pictures.

1



The estate was built in the 1960s.

2



The house had a roof which needed to be fixed.

3



Planning permission for a development is being sought.

4



The view from the train was rather .

5



We will your washing machine between the hours of 9 and 12.

6



The on his investment was considerable.

Complete the table. Use the words and phrases in the box.

Formal	Informal
has a positive impact on ✓	is good for
fundamentally ✓	basically
critical ✓	really important
considerable investment	lots of money ✓
can be justified ✓	to be worth it
calculate ✓	work out
approximately	around about ✓
there is no real benefit	there's not much point ✓
undoubtedly ✓	I am sure that

around about calculate
can be justified critical
fundamentally
has a positive impact on
lots of money there's not much point
undoubtedly

UNIT 7: Architecture Exercise 10: Vocabulary in context

Complete the sentences with the correct word. The first letter of each word is given.

- 1 Before the building of a new wind farm is approved, it's necessary to
c  its potential cost.
- 2 The cost of the new hospital wing can be j  if the number of
lives saved is considered.
- 3 She believes the housing policy is f  flawed and that an
entirely different approach is needed.
- 4 In order to save the department store, c  investment from
share holders will be necessary.
- 5 Please allow plenty of time for your journey. It takes a  one
hour to reach the studio from the central station. There are delays on weekends due
to planned engineering works.
- 6 The homeowners were advised that whilst there was no real economic
b  to adding a conservatory to their property, it may improve
their quality of life.
- 7 The weather over the next week will be c  for the building
project. If it rains, no work can be carried out in the foundations and this will prevent
the final deadline being met.
- 8 The investigation found that the explosion was u  caused by a
gas leak.