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Exercise 2: Working out meaning from context

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 iwan 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 **UNIT 7: Architecture**

Exercise 3 Reading for detail

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



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

5 Members of extended family

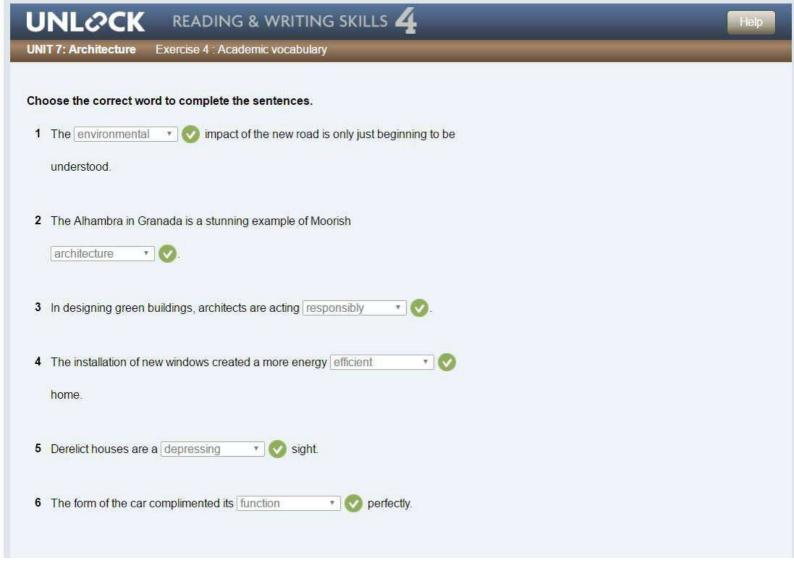
3 Small windows and doors

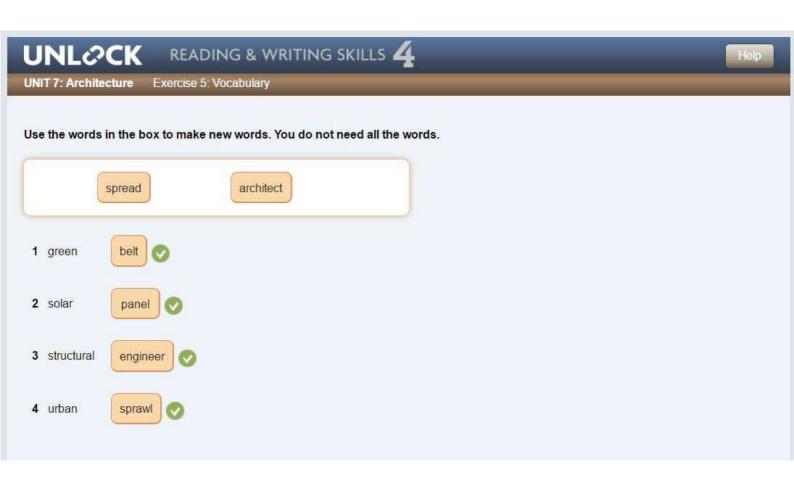
4 The iwan

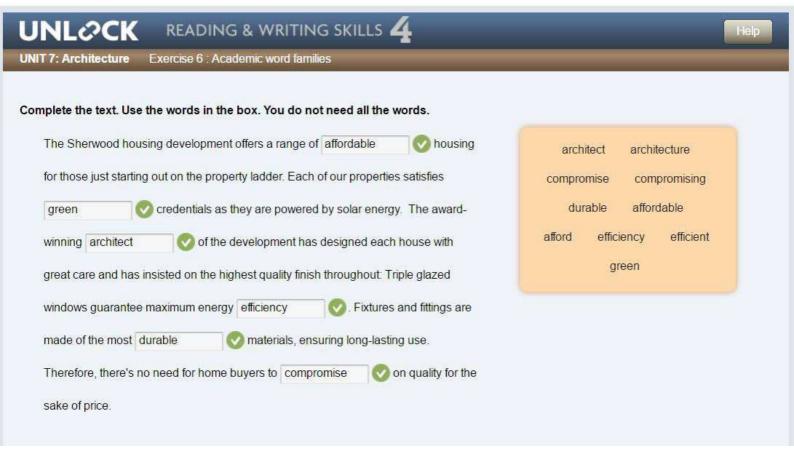
live together in independent units.

serves as a seating area for guests.

ensure the interior is private.









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Exercise 7: Architecture and planning vocabulars

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



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Choose the correct words to match the pictures.



The residential • Oestate was built in the 1960s.











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Exercise 9: Ordering information

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 give	en.
1 Before the building of a new wind farm is approved, it's necessary to	
c alculate vits potential cost.	
2 The cost of the new hospital wing can be justified of the number of	
lives saved is considered.	
3 She believes the housing policy is fundamentally flawed and that an	
entirely different approach is needed.	
4 In order to save the department store, c onsiderable on investment from	
share holders will be necessary.	
5 Please allow plenty of time for your journey. It takes a pproximately 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 enefit to adding a conservatory to their property, it may improve	
their quality of life.	
7 The weather over the next week will be c ritical of for the building	
project. If it rains, no work can be carried out in the foundations and this will preven	ıt
the final deadline being met.	
8 The investigation found that the explosion was u indoubtedly caused by a	r

gas leak.