

Holiday home adverts

Read two adverts for places to stay on holiday to practise and improve your reading skills.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. a barbecue
2. countryside
3. large
4. fully equipped
5. to escape
6. en suite
7. luxury
8. upstairs

Definitions

- a. has all the things you need
- b. big
- c. a higher floor
- d. opposite of city and town
- e. has a door from the bedroom to the bathroom
- f. very expensive and nice
- g. a thing to cook food outside
- h. to leave

Reading text: Holiday home adverts

City flat

Beautiful two-bedroom city flat five minutes' walk from the cathedral. Fully equipped kitchen, living room with a large sofa and chairs, big TV and balcony. The balcony has space for four people to sit and gets the sun in the mornings, and the flat is light and warm. It has Wi-Fi and fast internet. The upstairs bedroom sleeps four people, with two double beds; the downstairs bedroom sleeps two in single beds. The flat is perfect for families and is near shops, bars and restaurants.

Farmhouse

Four-bedroom farmhouse in the countryside. All of the four double bedrooms are en suite with luxury shower and bath. Farm kitchen with barbecue, tables and chairs outside. Great for groups of friends. The supermarket is half an hour by car and you can take a train from the village into the city. Escape from normal life for a few days as we have ... NO INTERNET and you can only use mobile phones at the bottom of the garden!

Tasks

Task 1

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

garden	train	balcony	outside
downstairs	kitchen	Families	thirty

- The in the flat has everything you need.
- Four people can sit on the at the flat.
- The single beds are in the bedroom
- will love the flat.
- At the farmhouse, you can have a barbecue
- It takes minutes to drive to the supermarket.
- If you want to go to the city, you can take a
- You can only use mobile phones in the

Task 2

Write the words and phrases in the correct group.

Has internet	In the city	You can sit outside	Near the shops
Has four bedrooms	For eight people	Far from the shops	

The flat	The farmhouse	Both places

Discussion

Which place would you choose for a holiday?

Answers

Preparation task

1. g
2. d
3. b
4. a
5. h
6. e
7. f
8. c

Task 1

1. kitchen
2. balcony
3. downstairs
4. Families
5. outside
6. thirty
7. train
8. garden

Task 2

The flat	The farmhouse	Both places
Near the shops	Far from the shops	
Has internet	For eight people	You can sit outside
In the city	Has four bedrooms	