

## 65 A real bargain

Mr Palmer is looking for a new house. He's tired of living in the city and he wants to live in a quiet village. He's with the estate agent now.

**Estate Agent** Well, Mr Palmer. This is the semi-detached house that I told you about . . . Number 26, Richmond Road. The owners are away, but I've got a key.

**Mr Palmer** Hmm . . . when was it built?

**Agent** It was built in 1928.

**Mr Palmer** Who built it?

**Agent** I'm not really sure. Is it important?

**Mr Palmer** No, not really. Is that a new roof? It looks new.

**Agent** It is nearly new. It was put on last year.

**Agent** You can see that it's in very good condition. The previous owner was a builder.

**Mr Palmer** It's quite an old house. I'm worried about the electrical wiring. Has it been rewired?

**Agent** Yes, it has.

**Mr Palmer** Oh, when was it done?

**Agent** Five years ago. Also, it's been redecorated. Central heating has been put in, and a new garage has been built.

**Mr Palmer** Oh, when was that done?

**Agent** Last year . . . I think.

**Agent** It's a very solid house. It's built of brick with a tiled roof . . .

**Mr Palmer** It's a long way from a big town. What are the services like?

**Agent** Hold on . . . I've got the details here. Yes . . . let me see . . . the dustbins are emptied every Thursday.

**Mr Palmer** It's important for me to see the post before I go to work. When is it delivered?

**Agent** It's usually delivered at about 7.30. The milk is delivered about six o'clock . . . so you'll have fresh milk for breakfast.

**Mr Palmer** It's certainly very cheap. I've seen a lot of similar houses . . . and they're more expensive.

**Agent** Ah, yes . . . it's a real bargain.

**Mr Palmer** Are there any plans for the area?

**Agent** Pardon? Plans . . . well, a new school is going to be built in the village next year . . .

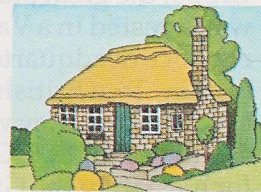
**Mr Palmer** Anything else?

**Agent** . . . and a new road, a motorway actually, will be built next year, too. You'll be able to get to London easily.

**Mr Palmer** Where exactly will the motorway be built?

**Agent** Well, actually, it'll be built behind the house. A bridge will be constructed over the house. It'll be very interesting. You'll be able to watch the traffic . . .

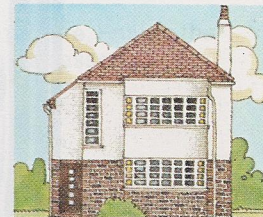
### Exercise



13 Orchard Lane.  
Cottage.  
Built: 1820  
Stone/thatched roof.  
Central heating: 1978.  
Rewired: 1972.

*13 Orchard Lane is a cottage. It was built in 1820. It's built of stone with a thatched roof. Central heating was put in in 1978, and it was rewired in 1972.*

Now write paragraphs about:



44 Primrose Avenue.  
Detached house.  
Built: 1935  
Brick/tiled roof.  
New roof: 1976  
Redecorated: 1978



68 Jubilee Street.  
Town house.  
Built: 1977  
Brick/flat roof.  
Sauna: January 1978.  
Repainted: May 1978.

