



# English

Level 2

## Challenge: Home Sweet Home

### Introduction

Name:

Date:

In this challenge, you want to move house, so you have contacted a local estate agent and asked them to send details of properties you might be interested in buying. Your task will be to look through the details of properties for sale and decide which one you like the best.

Once you have completed the challenge, compare your answers with those on the 'Solution' sheets.

### Equipment

It would be useful to have the following tools handy:

- a dictionary
- a pen or pencil, a highlighter pen and an eraser

If you find it helpful, use the 'Your notes' area for any notes you want to make.

### Learning

In this challenge, you will be covering the areas detailed below:

#### Key Skills

- Summarise the information to suit your purpose [C2.2.3]
- Identify accurately the main points, ideas and lines of reasoning [C2.2.2]

#### Functional Skills

- Read and summarise succinctly information and ideas from different sources
- Detect point of view, implicit meaning and/or bias



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## Glossary

**bias**

To favour, especially unfairly

**implicit**

Implied, not expressly stated

**article**

A written composition on a specific topic forming an independent part of a publication

**manual**

A book giving information or instructions

**opinion**

A personal view or belief

**factual**

Based on fact, accurate or honest

**persuade**

To convince



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The estate agent has sent you details of two houses, as shown on the next page. Once you have read them, you realise that they are both describing the same house but that they are written in totally different styles.

Read the descriptions fully and use the blank space on the following page to write a combined summary of the main factual points from both.



Your notes



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## Description 1

A beautiful period stone semi-detached house located near to the town centre. The entrance comprises an exquisite leaded light feature door with matching stain glazed windows and gorgeous exposed polished floorboards.

The ground floor comprises:

- a delightfully airy lounge with walk-in front bay windows. Your eye is naturally drawn to the carved feature fireplace with its striking tiled interior
- an impressive dining room with matching floor boards and French doors leading to the rear south facing, picturesque garden
- an extraordinary well presented kitchen, featuring an integrated fan assisted oven incorporating a four ringed hob and chrome hood

The first floor landing comprises three spacious bedrooms, two with en suite bathrooms, and one with a well placed walk-in dressing room. This floor also includes a fully tiled bathroom with a large shower and sunken bath.

To complete the picture, there is a concealed walled garden to the side of the property. It includes a shaped lawned garden with colourful flower beds, shrubs and a maturing tree.

All in all, an offer not to be missed.

## Description 2

Semi-detached house for sale, located on a busy main road, close to the centre of town.

The ground floor comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen. The first floor comprises of three bedrooms and one bathroom.

There are gardens to the rear and side of the property.

The property is fully centrally heated with a combination boiler located in the kitchen area; a modern fitted kitchen; sash windows and wooden floorboards throughout and a large boarded loft space.

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Summary

Blank area for writing the summary.



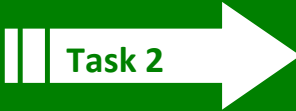
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The first description is written in a more persuasive style but contains a lot of personal opinions. Read the text again and then highlight the words and phrases you think are opinions rather than facts.

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### Task 3



You're not particularly interested in the first house the estate agent has sent you so you ask for details of more properties. They send you the details of four more houses.

Read through the descriptions and tick the boxes next to the two houses that sound the most attractive. When you have finished, use the blank space below to write a short explanation of why you chose those particular properties.

Your explanation



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**Location:** Nottinghamshire

**Price:** £205,000

**Ref:** AS/98543

Luxurious four bedroom detached property situated in the extremely picturesque Nottinghamshire countryside.

The property comprises an immaculately presented landscaped garden, a spacious south facing sun terrace and many unique period features.

The interior has an open-plan layout with three well appointed bedrooms all with en suite bathrooms. The property also includes security gates, a private drive and ample parking.

A property guaranteed to please.



**Location:** Nottinghamshire

**Price:** £165,000

**Ref:** AS/132476

A three bedroom red brick terrace house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac south of the town centre with nearby amenities.

This much improved property comprises a mid size lounge, a combined dining/kitchen area and three modest bedrooms.

There is a cottage garden to the rear of the property and a compact patio area at the front of the property.

Viewing strongly recommended.





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**Location:** Nottinghamshire

**Price:** £196,500

**Ref:** AS/009456

A well-established stunning three bedroomed terraced house with accommodation spread over three floors. Located in a very desirable part of town.

The property includes ornate original features, strikingly beautiful tiled flooring and a richly colourful garden that can be enjoyed all year round.

Situated just a short distance from extensive amenities, including an excellent choice of shops, fashionable bars and restaurants.

A magnificent find, certain to please those with more discerning tastes.



**Location:** Nottinghamshire

**Price:** £152,500

**Ref:** AS/459123

A well maintained, three bedroom terraced property, situated in a busy town centre.

Features include a cosy lounge, a dining kitchen with eye-level storage units and a well-proportioned bathroom with recently fitted white suite.

Outside, the property has the use of a communal garden area, ideal for getting to know the neighbours.

Internal inspection is essential.

