

4 The Mag: An eco house

Before you watch

Work with a partner and discuss the questions.

- 1 Where do you live?
- 2 What is your home like?
- 3 When do you think your home was built?
- 4 What features would your ideal home have?



While you watch

1 What's behind the wall?

Put the words in the correct order to make questions. Then watch the introduction and answer the questions.

- 1 is / the / house / area / different / the / why / ? / from / the / other / houses / in

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- 2 owner / why / have / did / the / ? / designed / it / specially

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2 Talking to Alex

Read the dialogue. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box. Then watch and check your answers.

permission difference easy council
green look available taller

Anand: Why did you build it?

Alex: I've always wanted to build a house from scratch and install all the ¹ energy systems that will make a ² But I had to find the right place. Then I heard this site was ³

Rebecca: Did you have to get ⁴ from the local ⁵ ?

Alex: Yes, we did, but it was ⁶ because the house I've built is behind a wall and no ⁷ than it. Would you like to ⁸ around?

Rebecca and Anand: Definitely!

3 Looking around the house

Tick (✓) the features you see in the eco house.

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| 1 a slide | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 a kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 a play area | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 a cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 a living room | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 a roof | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 bedrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 a garden | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 a swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 a shower | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 Eco features

Listen carefully as Alex explains the eco features of his house. Complete the summary with phrases A–E. Write A–E in the spaces.

The house is not completely self-sufficient but it ¹ Water is provided from a natural supply one hundred metres below the ground ² Solar panels have been installed to generate electricity for heating the water, ³ The family has an electric car, ⁴ Grass has been planted on the roof ⁵

- A which doesn't pollute the atmosphere
- B to put oxygen back into the atmosphere
- C uses less energy than normal houses
- D and is heated in the house
- E lighting the house and running equipment

After you watch

Imagine Alex decides to sell his house. Design an advertisement for the Internet to sell the house. You should write about the features that make it different from other houses.