



# 31 FUNHOUSE

**1 Talk to a partner about these questions.**

- 1 What is a "gadget"?
  - A) something you keep in the fridge
  - B) a type of picture
  - C) something small and clever that makes jobs easier
- 2 Do you have any gadgets in your house? What?
- 3 What gadgets would you like to have?

**2 Here are some things we may find in the "houses of the future". Which are shown in the picture? Number each of them.**

- 1 electronic taps
- 2 a machine that washes, dries and irons clothes
- 3 a phone that tells you who is calling
- 4 a waterproof entertainment system in the bathroom
- 5 a steam room with CD player
- 6 an eco friendly waste system
- 7 room to room intercom
- 8 electronic changing pictures
- 9 windows that clean themselves
- 10 curtains that open and close when you tell them
- 11 self cleaning carpets



**3 Listen to this phone conversation and number which of the above things are mentioned.**

**4 Why is the family spending time in the house?**

- A) They won a prize. B) They bought the house. C) It's a sort of test.

**5 Which of these sentences are true for Abby, Brian or neither?**

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| A) Abby   | B) Brian | C) neither |   |
| 1 I would love to live in a house like this.            | A        | B          | C |
| 2 I would like to spend some time in a house like this. | A        | B          | C |
| 3 I would never spend time in a house like this.        | A        | B          | C |
| 4 I think this house is amazing.                        | A        | B          | C |
| 5 I don't understand how these gadgets work.            | A        | B          | C |



**6 Match these words and expressions from the conversation with the meanings.**

- 1 After that I was exhausted.
- 2 After that I was relieved.
- 3 That's a relief.
- 4 Can you imagine?
- 5 You're kidding!
- 6 It would do my head in!

- A) I would go crazy.
- B) You're joking!
- C) Strange!
- D) Soon
- E) Thank goodness!
- F) Isn't that fantastic?

Give your partner a situation to respond to using one of the expressions.



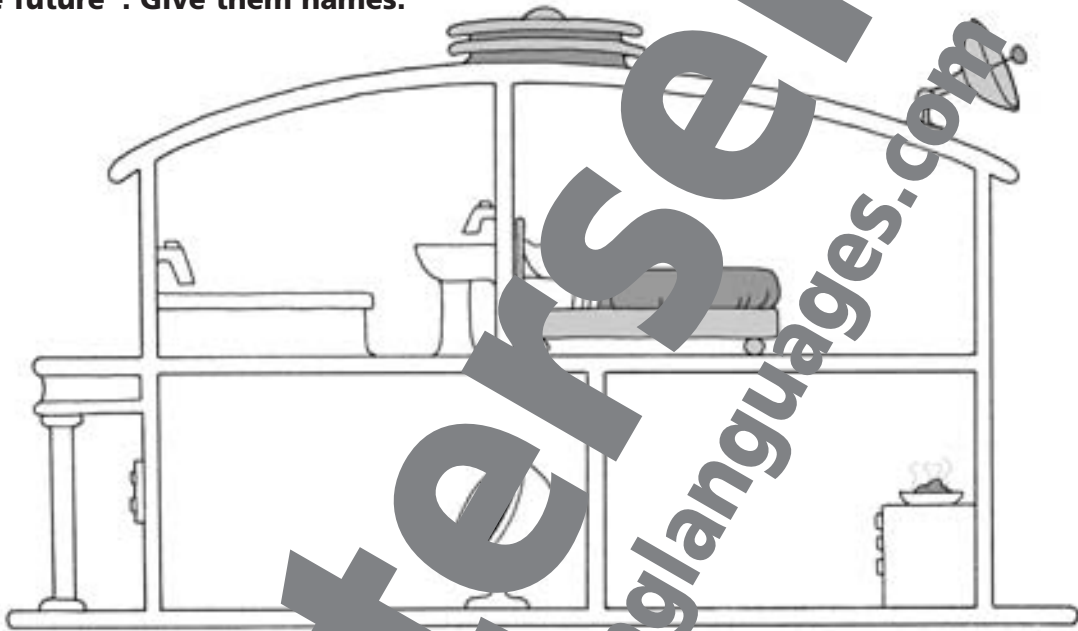
**7** Listen again. How does Abby explain these things?

- 1 hi-tech .....
- 2 waterproof .....
- 3 weather monitor .....

Would you like to have these gadgets in your house? Why/not?

What do you think it would be like to live in a house like this?

**8** Speaking. With your partner think of some more gadgets you could have in a "house of the future". Give them names.



**9** Change partners and tell your new partner about the ideas. Here are some expressions that Brian used when he didn't understand. Use some of these in your conversations.

- What do you mean "a...?"
- Sorry, you've lost me!
- Waterproof?
- Why "intercom"?
- I don't follow.



**10** Write a short paragraph about your "house of the future". Begin: *In my house of the future...*

Can-do checklist

- I can ask for clarification.
- I can compensate for not knowing the meaning of a word.
- I can write a short description.
- I can understand a speaker's point of view.