

Our house (Writing)

Description: Sentence transformation

Use with or after: *English Network Certificate Skills*, Unit 10.

Skill: Writing

Focus: Practice for *Writing part 1* of the PET exam.

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second page of this file and make a copy for each student.

Procedure:

- Students transform the sentences individually before comparing with a partner.
- Alternatively, you could assign this activity as homework.
- Distribute the key after they have finished.

Here are some sentences about a house. For each question, finish the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Example: A local construction company built this house.

This house was built by a local construction company.

1 Buying this house was a mistake.

I wish we _____.

2 I have never lived in such an ugly house before.

This is the _____.

3 Our new neighbours often disturb us.

We _____.

4 Our house is a long way from a bus stop.

There isn't _____.

5 I'm very unhappy about living in this town.

I can't _____.

6 This house used to be owned by a corrupt local politician.

A corrupt local politician _____.

7 Somebody will have to paint the house next year.

The house _____.

8 An incompetent architect must have designed this house.

This house _____.

9 We won't be able to sell this house if we can't find a very stupid buyer.

We won't be able to sell this house unless _____.



Key: 1 I wish we hadn't bought this house. 2 This is the ugliest house I have ever lived in. 3 We are often disturbed by our new neighbours. 4 There isn't a bus stop near our house. 5 I can't stand living in this town. 6 A corrupt local politician used to own this house. 7 The house will have to be painted next year. 8 This house must have been designed by an incompetent architect. 9 We won't be able to sell this house unless we can find a very stupid buyer.

