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Introduction

This book teaches you how to do two things in English:

1. *Live in England.* It shows you the background to English life through a portrait of an English town; it gives you the ability to handle the sort of situations you will meet when you visit England for a long or a short stay.
2. *Discuss contemporary topics.* It raises many contemporary issues about which you will have opinions and shows you how you can discuss them in English.

Most of the information in the book is genuine; you will meet real English people, see real English places and discuss real English problems. Only the characters in the story and in some of the exercises are fictional. Everything else is authentic England of the nineteen-eighties.

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	How long do you want to stay? 2 mins <input type="checkbox"/> 5-15 mins <input type="checkbox"/> 15-30 mins <input type="checkbox"/> more than 30 mins <input type="checkbox"/>
What must your new place have?	bedroom <input type="checkbox"/> kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> living room <input type="checkbox"/> bathroom <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 3 <input type="checkbox"/> garage <input type="checkbox"/> garden <input type="checkbox"/>

Now write a brief outline of the place you might like to find

Rooms for let in Oxford

1. Large bedroom for student £20 p.w. Headington Oxford OX3 3QJ
2. North Oxford. Single bed. Shared with cooking facilities. Summerhouse. Mrs. Brown, Oxford OX2 3JG
3. Bedroom for 2 or 3 sharing. Oxford OX2 3JG
4. Large flat, lounge, bed, kitchen, dining area. Shared bathroom. £25 p.w. Tel. 512345
5. North Oxford. A quiet, self-contained flat, private street, parking, couple only. No children. Tel. 512345

UNIT ONE

Finding Somewhere to Live

Moving

You have to move from the place where you are living now. Fill in your requirements on the questionnaire:

Type of place	flat <input type="checkbox"/> house <input type="checkbox"/> hostel <input type="checkbox"/> something else <input type="checkbox"/>
Location	near your work <input type="checkbox"/> near your parents <input type="checkbox"/> in a town <input type="checkbox"/> in the country <input type="checkbox"/> near cinemas etc <input type="checkbox"/> near sports facilities <input type="checkbox"/> near shops <input type="checkbox"/> near buses and trains <input type="checkbox"/> quiet <input type="checkbox"/> busy <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost	How much a week can you pay? £5 <input type="checkbox"/> £10 <input type="checkbox"/> £20 <input type="checkbox"/> £30 <input type="checkbox"/> £50 <input type="checkbox"/> £75 <input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	How will you get to work or to college? bicycle <input type="checkbox"/> foot <input type="checkbox"/> bus <input type="checkbox"/> car <input type="checkbox"/> train <input type="checkbox"/> How long do you want to take? 5 mins <input type="checkbox"/> 5-15 mins <input type="checkbox"/> 15-30 mins <input type="checkbox"/> more than 30 mins <input type="checkbox"/>
What must your new place have?	bedsitter <input type="checkbox"/> kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> living-room <input type="checkbox"/> bedrooms: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 3 <input type="checkbox"/> garage <input type="checkbox"/> garden <input type="checkbox"/> anything else:

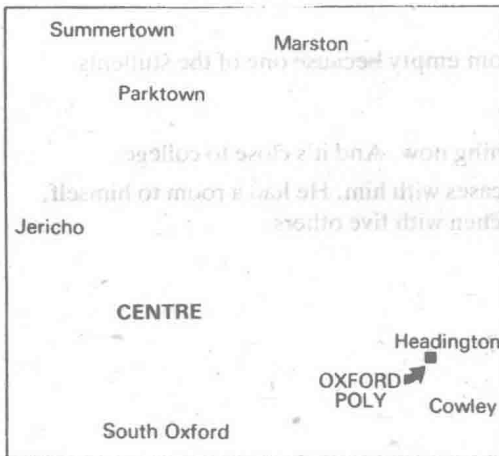
Now write a brief outline of the place you would like to find.

Rooms to Let in Oxford

1. **Large** bedsittingroom for single student £20 p.w., Headington. Oxford 3307.
2. **North Oxford.** Single bedsitter with cooking facilities. Summertown area. Mrs Brown, Oxford 54019.
3. **Bedsitter** for 2 or 3 sharing. Cowley. Oxford 512932.

4. **Jericho.** Flat, lounge, bedroom, kitchen, dining area, share bathroom. £45 p.w. Tel. 512287.
5. **North Oxford.** Attractive self-contained flat, professional married couple only. No children or pets. £154 per month. Oxford 44637.

6. **Unfurnished** 3 bedroomed house to let for up to 2 years. 10 miles west of Oxford. £150 per month. Oxford 49944.



Questions

- (i) Where is each of these rooms or houses on the map of Oxford?
- (ii) Where are the different areas of Oxford? E.g. Summertown is in the north, Headington is slightly east of the centre. What about Park Town? Marston? Jericho? South Oxford?
- (iii) Look back at your questionnaire. Which of these rooms or houses is closest to the place you outlined above? What is missing? What is better than you hoped?

The New Student

Steve Armstrong was starting his new life as a student at Oxford Polytechnic. It was the beginning of term but Steve still didn't have anywhere to live. Unfortunately in the autumn Oxford is full of students; there's the university, there's the polytechnic, there's the college of further education and there are also many private colleges for secretaries and for foreigners learning English. Steve couldn't find anywhere to live so he went to see the accommodation officer.

Steve: I need somewhere to live.

Man: Oh yes? Why have you left it so late?

Steve: But it's only the beginning of term.

Man: Yes, and that's late. Most students find digs by July.

Steve: But I didn't know I was going to be a student here till last month.

Man: All right, all right, we'll see what we can do. Next year try and think ahead.

Steve: Yeah, I'd better.

The accommodation officer looked through his files and found three addresses for Steve to see. Two of them were in Summertown and one in Jericho. But next morning Steve was back at the accommodation office.



Man: Well, didn't you find anywhere?

Steve: No, I'm afraid I didn't. The Summertown ones were too far out and the Jericho one was horrible.

Man: Last year's people liked it very much. Mrs Brown's very friendly.

Steve: No, it was too busy there.

Man: And a lot of people come in to college from Summertown.

Steve: No, it's really too far.

Man: As it happens you're lucky. I've just heard there's a room free in Morrell Hall.

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Steve: What's that?

Man: It's one of our student hostels. There's a room empty because one of the students isn't coming back.

Steve: I hope it's all right.

Man: Don't be too fussy; you're lucky to get anything now. And it's close to college.

So Steve went to Morrell Hall and took all his suitcases with him. He had a room to himself, quite modern and comfortable, and shared the kitchen with five others.

Comprehension questions

1. Why did Steve need to find somewhere to live?
2. What time of year was it?
3. Why was it difficult to find rooms in Oxford?
4. What is an accommodation officer?
5. Why was Steve late in looking for rooms?
6. Where were the rooms that the accommodation officer suggested?
7. Why didn't Steve like them?
8. Where did Steve finally get a room?
9. Why was the room still free?
10. What was the room like?

Opinion questions

1. What do you think of Steve's character? Do you think he's fussy?
2. What do you think the accommodation officer thinks about him?
3. If you were studying at the polytechnic, would you find Summertown too far to travel?

Written exercise

Write *either* Steve's diary for the day *or* the letter he writes home to his parents.

Vocabulary exercise

Find another word or phrase that means the same as each of the following:

- digs friendly look through
horrible free close to
to start

Oxford Places: Morrell Hall

Quick questions

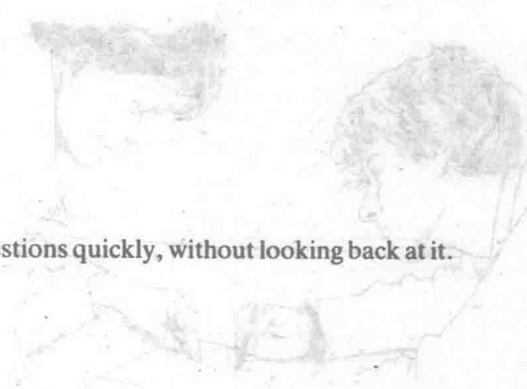
Read through the text and then answer these questions quickly, without looking back at it.

Where is Morrell Hall?

Who is the warden?

What's the phone number?

How many students live there?



Morrell Hall

John Garne Way, Oxford OX3 0TU

Telephone: Warden 42291

Warden: J F Murrell BSc

Morrell is a self-catering Hall on Headington Hill near the Polytechnic. It currently provides bed-sitting rooms for 100 students and will eventually provide accommodation for 500-600.

A room in Morrell Hall

**Words**

What do you think the following words mean? Try to guess them and then look them up to see if you were right.

self-catering eventually warden
currently

Photoquiz

What is the usual furniture of a room in Morrell Hall?
What personal things has the student added to the room?
What can you tell about this student's activities and interests from the room?

Deduction questions**Over to you**

Is Morrell Hall on high or low ground?

Is it close to the polytechnic?

Can you eat there?

Is the building finished?

Is it a big hostel?

(i) If you were a student at Oxford Polytechnic, would you like to live in Morrell Hall? What reasons do you have?

(ii) Do you think students should live at home or live in digs?

FACTSHEET**Housing in England**

- 49% of people own their own houses, 30% rent them from a local council, 21% from private landlords.
- 16% of households live in detached houses, 34% in semi-detached, 31% in terraced houses.
- 3 out of 10 people who own their own house move every five years, 3½ out of ten who rent from the council, and 8 out of ten who rent furnished accommodation.
- The average number of rooms per household is: 1 or 2, 2½%; 3, 6%; 4, 19½%; 5, 32%; 6, 30%; 7 or more, 9½%.

Questions

- Do most people in England own their own houses?
- What kind of house do most people live in?
- How often do people move house who live in furnished accommodation?
- Do you think English people
 - are lucky in their housing?
 - move house often?
 - have large houses?

Grammar Practice: Definite and Indefinite Articles**Choose your article**

Definite?	{	YES _____ countable?	{	YES _____ the	
		NO _____ countable?		NO _____ the	
		{	YES _____ singular?	{	YES _____ a/an
			NO _____ countable?		NO _____ ∅, some
		NO _____		∅, some	

Key

Article: 'the', 'a/an'.

Definite: do you mean one thing or one example of that kind of thing? 'The dog over there is called Bonzo' means a particular dog; 'There's a dog over there' means any dog.

Countable: can you count it? We can say 'One dog, two dogs, three ...' but 'some milk, some water ...'.

Singular: is there one or more than one? 'one dog' or 'two dogs'?

Ø: means no article at all is needed.

Exercise 1

Use the chart to choose articles for the gaps in this story:

'Yesterday I went to London to do ... Christmas shopping. First I went to Hamleys which is ... big toy shop in Regent Street; I bought ... chemistry set for my daughter and ... stamps for my son. Then I went to Liberty's; this is ... department store a few yards away in Regent Street and is famous for its fabrics. In Liberty's I bought ... gold necklace for my wife and one of ... shop assistants showed me ... new perfume for ... men called Equipage. ... next shop I went to was called "Just Games"; they sell many kinds of ... games for ... children and for ... adults. I bought two games; one is ... famous game called Monopoly in which you buy ... places in London and then you get rent from ... other players; ... other was called Mystic Wood which is about people looking for ... things in ... strange wood. After this I went to ... jazz record shop called Collet's where I bought two records for myself, one by ... pianist called Jo-Anne Brackeen, ... other by ... group called ... World Saxophone Quartet.'

Exercise 2

Judy's shopping list:

Some milk, a pair of shoes, the new record by Pigbag, a light-bulb, some vinegar, a loaf of bread, a packet of soap powder, the cheap wine that was advertised on TV last night.

Your shopping list:

Write down ten things you need to buy.

.....

Judy: I'd like some milk, please.

Man: A pint?

Judy: Yes, and a packet of soap powder.

Man:

Judy:

Now you go shopping for your list.

