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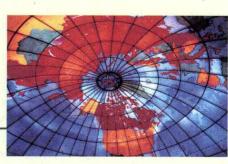
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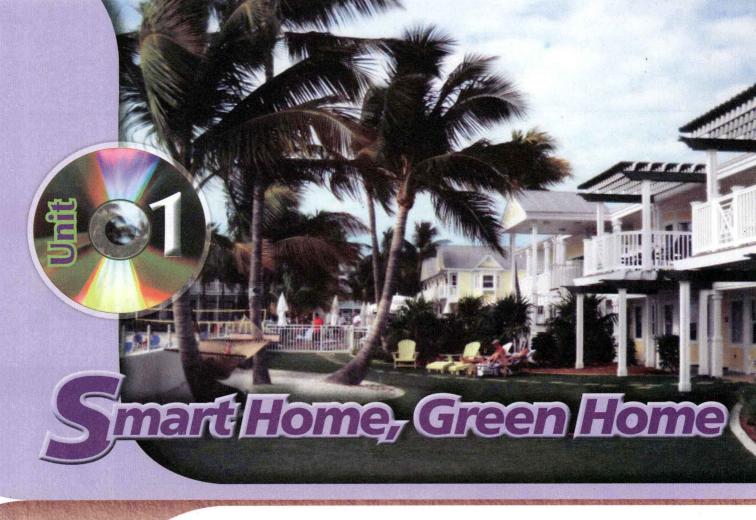


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Before You Watch

1 Familiarize yourself with the following words and expressions. Then choose appropriate ones to fill in the blanks.

gadget ['gædʒɪt] *n*. a small specialized mechanical or electronic device

commute [kəˈmjuːt] n. the trip made by one that travels regularly from one place to another, as from suburb to city and back

log on to do the necessary actions on a computer system that will allow you to begin using it

sprinkler ['sprɪŋklər] *n*. a device with perforations through which water issues from a hose to scatter a lawn

humidity [hjux'mɪdətɪ] *n*. dampness, especially of the air

monitor ['monito(r)] *n*. an electronic device used to record, regulate, or control a process or system

renovation [,renə'veɪ∫ən] n. restoration to an earlier condition, as by repairing or remodeling

Victorian [VIK'to:riən] adj. being in the highly ornamented, massive style of architecture, decor, and furnishings popular in 19th-century England

asbestos [æs'bestəs] n. a gray mineral that does not burn easily, that was used in the past as a building material or in protective clothing

insulation [,Insjʊ'leɪ∫ən] n. a material or substance used to prevent the passage of heat, electricity, or sound into or out of

shed [sed] n. a small structure, either freestanding or attached to a larger structure, serving

for storage or shelter

crowbar ['krəub a : (r)] n. a heavy iron bar used to lift something or force it open

fluorescent [,fluə'resənt] adj. fluorescent colors are very bright and easy to see, even in the dark

socket ['sokit] *n*. an opening or a cavity into which an inserted part is designed to fit

clog [klog] v. to become obstructed or choked up

geothermal [,dʒi:əʊ'θɜːml] *adj*. of or relating to the internal heat of the earth

bore [box(r)] *n*. a hole or passage made by or as if by use of a drill

geek [giːk] n. 1. [slang] an odd or ridiculous person; 2. a boring, unfashionable person

(1)	Heavy traffic the freeways.
(2)	He brought home a complicated new for opening tins, which aroused the guest's
	interest.
(3)	The castle will undergo extensive and costly
(4)	It's a long from New York to Boston.
(5)	You have to the system to check your mails.
(6)	My brother is a He dresses like my grandfather and just sits in front of the
	computer all day long.
(7)	It's the that makes it so uncomfortable today.

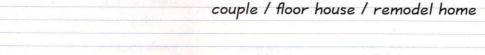
2 Do you know the household appliances in the following pictures? Match each item to its name and talk about its function.



Look at the pictures and talk about what is happening. Some key words have been provided.







assemble furniture / DIY

smooth / wall paper / corner / brush



Watch video clips 1 & 2 and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.



- (1) What cannot be done in a smart home?
 - a. The air conditioner is turned on by a cell phone.
 - b. The commute from home to work is checked by cameras.
 - c. A snack is delivered to the master by a robot.
 - d. What's going on at home is seen by the master even if he is away.
- (2) What controls the devices around the house in Steve Lee's home?
 - a. Wireless controllers in his company.
 - b. A multi-function touch screen.
 - c. Cameras connected to the Internet.
 - d. The right password to the devices.
- (3) What is the best part of the smart-home new technology for people?
 - a. It can automatically turn on water sprinklers when humidity is low.
 - b. It can turn off a pool pump when not in use.
 - c. It can bring about security advantages.
 - d. It is not expensive any longer.



- What is Matt and Kelly's purpose to renovate their old house?
 - a. To keep the historic flavor of the old house.
 - b. To protect the house from tumbling down.
 - c. To make the house more energy-efficient and environment-friendly.
 - d. To preserve a heritage for their daughter.
- (5) Which part(s) of the house has / have been finished renovating?
 - a. The living room and the bathroom.
 - b. The bathroom and the backyard.
 - c. The living room and the exterior.
 - d. Only the bathroom.

Watch video clip 1 again and decide whether the following statements are T (true) or F (false). Correct the false ones.

(1)

Steve Lee's company is committed to research and develop home automation equipment.

(2)

Steve turned on the kitchen counter lights at his boss's house in Wisconsin because he had a simple remote controller installed in his own kitchen in California.

(3)

Steve used to play tricks on his wife by using the automation devices.

(4)

Several hundred dollars is enough for a basic smarthome system.

(5)

only acknowledged advantage of the smarthome system is convenience.

Watch video clip 2 again and decide whether the following statements are T (true) or F (false). Correct the false ones.

(1)

Matt and his wife Kelly bought a 200-year-old Victorian house.

(2)

They got rid of all the old carpets in the house.

(3)

The new toilet never clogs, because it uses more water every flush than the old one.

(4)

The new showerhead can help save thousands of gallons of water over its lifetime.

(5)

Matt and Kelly are using a very energy-efficient heating and cooling system in the house.

(6)

They have completed the renovation of the house and have made it ultra efficient.

(7)

They know how much energy they are consuming in the house by reading the WattVision Google Power Meter.

(8)

To restore America's old homes is not only about preserving history, but also about protecting future.

fter You Watch

- What is your ideal smart home like? Imagine and talk about it with your partner.
- How do you understand "green" in video clip 2? How can people make their homes green? Talk, in pairs, about the green home in your mind.



Watch Again

9	Wa	tch video clip 1 again and fill in the blanks with appropriate words.
	(1)	By the time Steve Lee gets through into his front door, the temperature inside the
		house is
	(2)	Steve Lee tests and lives with many of his company's home automation
	(3)	Steve had permission to and was able to turn on the lights in his boss's kitchen.
	(4)	A basic smart-home system is not hard to
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The state of the s	0	Watch video clip 2 again and fill in the blanks with appropriate words.
	(1)	Matt Grocoff is the green renovation for Old House Web and
		of greenovation.tv.
	(2)	Matt added to every light switch in the house, which can turn off lights for them if
		they forget to do so.
	(3)	Now they have a flush toilet in the bathroom, which means that they can choose
		how much water they use to flush the toilet.
	(4)	Their new showerhead is going to use gallon(s) of water a minute less than an
		ordinary showerhead.
	(5)	Three 150-foot-long bore holes were put into the back yard of Matt's house for
		the geothermal system.
	(6)	Matt's aim is to take their house all the way to Net Zero, which means it will more
		energy than it
1	1	Summarize what Steve Lee can do with the smart home automain Link
		Summarize what Steve Lee can do with the smart-home system in his house.
	2	Discuss with your partner the significance of renovating old houses.

veryday English

Make sentences with the following expressions.

Do you mind if 1 ... May I... I'd like to ... As to me, ... To my mind, ... I suppose ...



xtended Exercise

Directions: In this section you will hear a passage three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to fill in the blanks numbered from 1 to 7 with the exact words you have just heard. For blanks numbered from 8 to 10 you are required to fill in the missing information. You can either use the exact words you have just heard or write down the main points in your own words. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

Every day, 60 kids in Canada go to the hospital because of (1) _____ in the home — falls, burns and (2) ____ poisonings are the three biggest culprits (罪魁祸首). You could rely on your little toddler to point out the hazards in your home, or you could read our handy guide to childproofing like a pro instead. General rule: Move furniture with hard edges or sharp corners out of hightraffic areas, especially when toddlers are just learning to walk. If you'd rather buy

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— lest they become a choking hazard.
Keep the TV on low, (5) furniture and push it as far back on the
furniture as possible. More than 100 kids visit emergency rooms each year when TV sets
(6) on them. Many larger TVs come with braces or anchors, but they're a
good idea no matter the size of your set.
Check under the furniture and between seat cushions regularly. Coins, marbles, buttons and
other choking hazards tend to (7) there.
Put up a barrier around fireplaces. It can (8) Turn
the fireplace completely off, including the pilot flame (引火火焰), whenever it's not in use.
Some experts advise (9) Attach bookcases, tall dressers
and other unsteady furniture securely to the wall with safety brackets, (10)
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Smarthome.com: Founded in 1992, Smarthome, Inc. is the world's leading designer, manufacturer and online retailer of home automation products. Smarthome provides products in lighting control, whole-house automation, security and surveillance (监视), home entertainment, gadgets and pet care. Smarthome's mission is to "make life more convenient, safe and fun."

Smarthome is a one-stop provider of thousands of products that allow consumers to automate their homes affordably and easily. Most applications are designed to make life more convenient, including controlling a wireless thermostat (自动调温装置) from bed, the audio system from any room in the home or pre-setting a floor warmer to turn on before the alarm clock goes off. Smarthome provides consumers peace of mind with products that safeguard the home whether the occupants are there or not. Smarthome offers products that can turn on house lights upon arrival, allow residents to see on television a visitor at the front door and notify the absent homeowner through e-mail if the system detects motion in the house or water in the laundry room. For fun, the company offers a variety of home entertainment devices as well as automated gizmos (小物件) and gadgets designed specifically for kids.

SmartLabs, Inc., founder and CEO Joe Dada, a formally trained engineer, also worked as an investment manager and was an early enthusiast (狂热者) of home automation products. He realized early on that these products would not be adopted by the masses if they were too expensive or too difficult to install. Dada overcame this perception by offering a catalog with simple,



convenient and inexpensive products to customize and automate the home designed for the average consumer. Dada privately funded Smarthome through a series of friend and family donations, savings, and small loans from the bank and published the first Smarthome catalog in 1992.

In February, 1995, SmartLabs' Smarthome became an Internet pioneer by launching one of the first e-commerce sites on the Web. By the end of summer of 1995, Smarthome.com had a full-functioning e-basket and search engine, which it continues to build upon today. The company credits its early success to the fact that many early Internet enthusiasts were also early adopters of home automation technology and gadgets.

During the dot-com era, while most businesses were marketing themselves as e-commerce sites, Dada was being pressured by investors to eliminate the Smarthome print catalog and exclusively become an online retailer. Dada and his team believed the Internet was an effective means in reaching additional customers and simplifying the order process. However, they also believed that most of the company's online orders were catalog-induced. To his credit, Dada continued the print catalog and was proven to be correct when other purely e-commerce sites disappeared.

Today, Smarthome prints more than four million catalogs per year and services (提供服务) customers in more than 130 countries. The company offers more than 5,000 items for the customized automation of the home. Customers can order through Smarthome's direct mail catalog, website at www.smarthome.com, and by phone.

The Old House Web: a profitable company established in 1999. It has since been publishing information with the following goals:

- Create the best story collection ever assembled for old-house enthusiasts, including how-to stories, features, design ideas and first-person old-house adventures;
- Create the most detailed archive (档案馆) available of information about products for the old house — plus the companies that supply those products;
- Create a fun and friendly community for old-house lovers a
 place where enthusiasts can swap questions and solutions.
- Create a lively marketplace where suppliers and manufacturers can connect quickly and efficiently with people seeking to buy old-house products.



Greenovation.TV: launched on Earth Day (April 22nd) 2009 by Matthew Grocoff. The aim is to redefine television and redefine home. Its mission is to provide practical information in an entertaining format to help green every home in America. Holding that people all share one planet, it believes that in order to tackle energy deficiency, the water crisis, and climate disruption (混 乱), every home in America must be retrofitted (翻新) to be more energy and water efficient. Matt believes greening homes is the best way to save money, help the economy, create jobs, make homes

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more comfortable and help to avoid climate catastrophe and protect the one home people share. The ultimate goal is that every home should be able to produce its own energy, capture its own water, and manage its own waste.

At present, Matt and his wife Kelly are completing the renovation of a 110-year old home on the Old West Side neighborhood in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Using motion sensor occupancy light switches, efficient lighting, Energy Star appliances ("能源之星产品",高效节能的产品), geothermal heating & a / c, dual flush toilets, high efficiency showerheads and faucets, rainwater capture, and improved weatherization, they have reduced their utilities by 75%.