

Select Readings, Second Edition
Elementary, Chapter 3 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Green Homes, Dream Homes

These days, more and more people want to help the Earth. Recycling and using eco-friendly shopping bags are small changes to our daily lives that can bring important benefits¹ to the Earth.

Many people now choose to do even bigger things for the Earth. Some people choose to spend a little more money on their new homes in order to have a ‘green’ home. The green movement started about 40 years ago, and it is very big now. Using solar energy—energy from the sun—is a very popular way to have a ‘green’ home. However, Earth-friendly building now means much more than just this.

Builders of green homes think about many different ways to make a building more eco-friendly. Building materials are one of the biggest decisions. The United States uses 40 percent of all its raw materials² on new buildings. Green builders always try to use sustainable³ and recycled materials to protect Earth’s resources.

Green builders also want to use materials that last a very long time. If people need to build a new roof or new walls too often, it is not good for the Earth either.

Of course, location is also an important part of eco-construction. Homes need to be close to the things people need for their daily lives, or to public transportation, so they don’t need to drive their cars so often. Homes also need to be in a place that doesn’t hurt the environment around them. Green homes are designed to help the people living in them to recycle things, use less water, and minimize⁴ energy use easily.

Although building a green home is often more expensive than a regular home, most owners say it’s a good idea. Most say that they are happy because their homes are more environmentally friendly, safer, cleaner, and better homes for their families.

1. True or false? The article says that not enough people are doing good things for the Earth.
A. True
B. False
2. True or false? The article says that there are many different ways to make homes more eco-friendly.
A. True
B. False

¹ **benefits** good things

² **raw materials** materials for building things, like wood or metal

³ **sustainable** can be replaced after it is used; something people can get more of

⁴ **minimize** make less

3. All of these are examples of 'going green' EXCEPT _____.
 - A. recycling
 - B. driving cars more often
 - C. using eco-friendly shopping bags
 - D. using less water

4. Which of the following is true, according to the article?
 - A. All 'green' buildings use solar energy.
 - B. Solar energy is not the only kind of 'green' building.
 - C. 'Green' homes cost less than regular homes.
 - D. 'Green' homes use 40 percent of the raw materials in the US.

5. In paragraph 3, the word 'recycled' is a(n) _____.
 - A. noun
 - B. verb
 - C. adjective
 - D. adverb

6. Which of the following is not part of eco-friendly construction?
 - A. using long-lasting building materials
 - B. using materials from sustainable sources
 - C. building in locations that are close to the things people need
 - D. driving far to buy the best 'green' materials

7. The article says that green homes should help people do all of these EXCEPT _____.
 - A. use less energy
 - B. drive better cars
 - C. recycle things
 - D. manage water use

8. In paragraph 5, 'location' means _____.
 - A. place
 - B. person
 - C. material
 - D. green

9. In paragraph 5, the word 'close' is a(n) _____.
 - A. noun
 - B. verb
 - C. adjective
 - D. adverb

10. The article says most owners of green homes think their homes _____.
 - A. are better than other homes
 - B. are too expensive
 - C. don't cost enough
 - D. should be more Earth-friendly