ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Buying A House Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

BUYING A HOUSE

Tony and Sheila's first home was a (an) _____ house, one of a line of houses all connected.
✔ **D) terraced**
A **terraced** house is one of a row of houses joined together. The clue is **one of a line of houses all connected**. Not **semi-detached**, which is joined to only one other house.

2. But several years later, when they had a small child, they found it rather _____ for three people.
✔ **C) cramped**
Cramped means too small, without enough space for the people in it. With a small child, the house felt too small **for three people**.

3. They wanted something more _____ and so decided to move.
✔ **C) spacious**
Spacious means having a lot of room, the opposite of **cramped**. They wanted more space, so they decided to move.

4. They went to a (an) _____ and looked at details of the houses he had to offer.
✔ **B) estate agent**
An **estate agent** is a person or company that sells houses for their owners. The clue is **the houses he had to offer**. Not **builder**, who builds houses but does not normally show you a list of houses for sale.

5. They looked at a _____ house (one of a pair attached to each other), liked it, and asked a _____ to inspect it for them.
✔ **B) semi-detached**
A **semi-detached** house is joined to one other house, so the two make a pair. The clue is **one of a pair attached to each other**. Not **detached**, which stands alone.

6. They looked at a _____ house (one of a pair attached to each other), liked it, and asked a _____ to inspect it for them.
✔ **B) surveyor**
A **surveyor** inspects a building and reports on its condition before someone buys it. Not **architect**, who designs new buildings.

7. He said that it was in good _____, and they, therefore, decided to buy it.
✔ **A) condition**
In good condition is the usual phrase for a house or object that is not damaged and does not need repairs. **In good mood** is used for people, and it needs **a**: **in a good mood**.

8. Luckily they sold their house quickly and soon a (an) _____ firm was taking all their furniture and other possessions to their new home.
✔ **D) removals**
A **removals firm** is a company that moves your furniture and other things to your new home. The clue is **taking all their furniture … to their new home**.

9. Tony's business is doing well and they want to get a (an) _____ to design a modern, _____ house for them, and a (an) _____ to build it.
✔ **C) architect**
An **architect** is a person who designs buildings. The clue is **to design**. Not **builder**, who builds the house; that word fits the last gap.

10. Tony's business is doing well and they want to get a (an) _____ to design a modern, _____ house for them, and a (an) _____ to build it.
✔ **A) detached**
A **detached** house stands alone and is not joined to any other house. It is the natural next step after a terraced and a semi-detached house. **Apartment** and **villa** are nouns, so they cannot describe **house**.

11. Tony's business is doing well and they want to get a (an) _____ to design a modern, _____ house for them, and a (an) _____ to build it.
✔ **D) builder**
A **builder** is a person or company that builds houses. The clue is **to build it**. Not **architect**, who only designs the house; that word fits the first gap.