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Vocabulary Test About PARTS OF A HOUSE Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 116

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Explanations

1. The _____ smell of the dirty alley drove us away.
✔ **A) foul**
Foul means very dirty and unpleasant, and it collocates naturally with **smell**: **a foul smell**. Not **squalid** or **grimy**: these describe dirty places or surfaces (**a squalid alley**, **grimy windows**), not smells. **Polluted** is used for air, water or land.

2. He waited in the _____ for the front door to open.
✔ **C) porch**
A **porch** is a small covered area in front of the entrance to a house, where you can wait before the door opens. Not **threshold**: that is the strip of floor right under the doorway, and we say **on the threshold**, not **in** it.

3. Although most of the rooms are small, the hall is _____.
✔ **C) spacious**
Spacious means having a lot of space inside: **a spacious hall**. The word **Although** shows a contrast with the small rooms, so **tiny** is wrong. **Abundant** means plentiful and is not used for the size of rooms.

4. The _____ of the roof kept the rain off better.
✔ **D) slope**
The **slope** of a roof is its angle, or how steeply it goes down. A steeper slope lets rain run off more easily. **Climb**, **flow** and **plane** are not used to describe the angle of a roof.

5. The villa has excellent _____ for cooking and for washing clothes.
✔ **C) facilities**
Facilities are the rooms and equipment provided for a particular purpose: **facilities for cooking and washing**. Not **amenities**: these are features that make a place pleasant, such as a pool or garden, and the word is not normally followed by **for cooking**. **Utilities** are services like gas, water and electricity.

6. In the old house, he had to bend down to avoid hitting his head on the _____.
✔ **A) beams**
Beams are long, thick pieces of wood that go across the ceiling of an old house. Low beams are a typical reason to bend down. **Supports** and **props** hold something up but are not the usual word for ceiling timbers. **Bearings** are machine parts.

7. The kitchen was small and _____ so that the disabled woman could reach everything without difficulty.
✔ **A) compact**
Compact means small but well arranged, so everything fits into a little space and is easy to reach: **a compact kitchen**. Not **complete** or **contained**: they do not describe a small, practical layout. **Self-contained** would mean something different again.

8. The only way to see into the basement room was by peering through the _____ at the bottom of the wall.
✔ **C) grating**
A **grating** is a frame of metal bars covering an opening, for example in a wall at street level above a basement. You can peer through it. A **skylight** is a window in the roof and a **fanlight** is a window above a door, so neither is at the bottom of a wall. A **drain** carries away water.

9. The _____ built onto the back of the house provided valuable extra space.
✔ **C) extension**
An **extension** is a new room or part built onto a house to make it bigger: **They built an extension at the back.** Not **enlargement**: it is the general process of making something bigger, not the name of a building.

10. In _____ the room resembles the letter L.
✔ **D) shape**
In shape is the fixed phrase for describing the outline of something: **In shape, the room resembles the letter L.** Not **form**: **in form** is not normally used to describe a room's outline. **Figure** and **pattern** do not fit this phrase either.

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