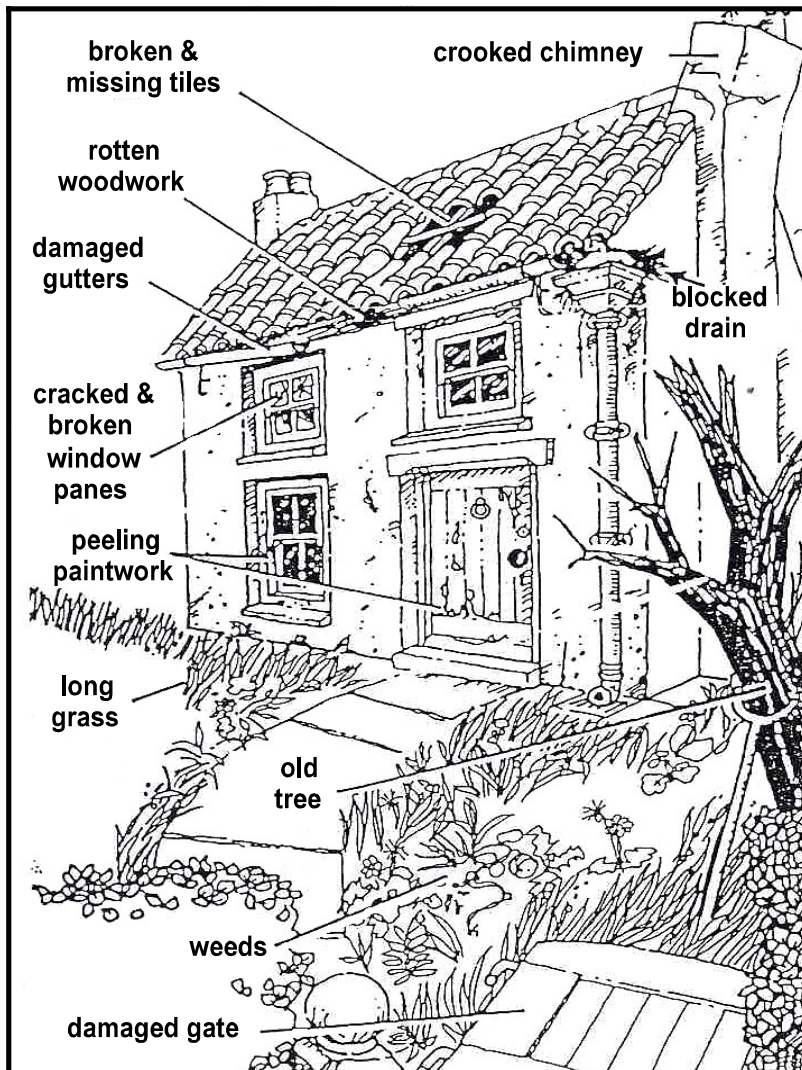


Your New House!

A Look at this ruined cottage. What's wrong with it? What are you going to do about it?



Vocabulary

- to (completely) renovate a house
- to rewire a house
- to hang a door/gate
- to fit new hinges
- to repoint the brickwork
- to straighten a path/chimney
- to sand/rub down woodwork
- to (re)paint/varnish woodwork
- to insulate the loft
- to lay carpet/turf/bricks
- to install central heating
- to fit a new bathroom/kitchen
- to put on a new roof (to reroof)
- to put in new windows
- to fix/mend/repair
- to clear/unblock the drains & gutters
- to de-weed/dig the garden
- to landscape the garden

B You've just bought the abandoned cottage shown above. It was a bargain and has a lot of potential, but it's in an appalling condition. Here are details of the work that needs doing to make it habitable, along with a comparison of the cost of employing tradesmen and of doing it yourself.

WORK THAT NEEDS DOING

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replacing roof tiles	£80	£350
repointing poor brickwork	£35	£450
straightening the chimney	£25	£280
mending the fence	£30	£175
clearing and landscaping the garden	£150	£400
installing double-glazing * even you can't do this!!	*	£3,500
painting the exterior	£200	£700
rewiring	£250	£1,500
installing new plumbing	£500	£2,500
installing central heating	£1,800	£2,800
installing a new bathroom	£1,500	£2,700
fitting a new kitchen	£3,000	£5,500
wallpapering all rooms	£300	£800
painting the inside	£175	£600
fitting new carpets throughout	£2,500	£3,700

You've got a budget of £20,000 for renovation and decoration. Work in a group to plan your renovation programme. Remember - you've only got £20,000 to spend!