Answer key

Group task: choose a home.

1. **Our choice of home:**

   We think the best type of home for Emma and Thomas is a _____

2. **Why we chose this:**

   We chose this because…

   Their profile says that they…

   They seem to need…

   This type of home offers…

Group Presentation Examples – Possible Answers

1. Bungalow

Our choice of home:
We think the best type of home for Emma and Thomas is a **bungalow**.

Why did we choose this? We chose this because bungalows are peaceful, single-level homes with gardens. This suits their love of gardening and privacy. They enjoy open spaces and a quiet lifestyle, but not complete isolation. They need a cozy home where Emma can cook and Thomas can have his own project corner.

2. Semi-detached house

Our choice of home:
We think the best type of home for Emma and Thomas is a **semi-detached house**.

Why did we choose this? We chose this option because it gives them some privacy but also a chance to connect with neighbors, which they value. Their profile says they are not city lovers but like to be close to where "things happen," so a semi-detached house in a small town could work well. They seem to need a balance between community life and quiet. This type of home offers comfort, a small garden, enough space, and a connection to local life.

3. Thatched cottage

Our choice of home:
We think the best type of home for Emma and Thomas is a **thatched cottage**.

Why did we choose this? We chose this because it is traditional and charming and fits their idea of a peaceful and beautiful lifestyle. Their profile says they are open to both modern and traditional homes, depending on the "vibe." They seem to need a cozy kitchen and peaceful surroundings, which cottages usually offer. This type of home provides warmth, a strong connection to nature, and space for hobbies such as gardening and reading.

4. Mobile house

Our choice of home:
We think the best type of home for Emma and Thomas is a **mobile house**.

Why did we choose this? We chose this option because they enjoy road trips and are curious and adventurous. Their profile says they like spontaneity and change, and a mobile home would allow them to explore and settle temporarily. They seem to need freedom and flexibility rather than a fixed location. This type of home offers mobility and could suit them for a while, even if not forever.

5. Skyscraper

Our choice of home:
We think a **skyscraper** would not be the best choice for Emma and Thomas.

Why did we choose this? Their profile says they don't enjoy big cities and prefer peace and nature, so a skyscraper might feel too busy or noisy. Even if it has a modern style, it doesn't match their need for gardening, outdoor space, or guest comfort. This example helps us see how some homes don't fit the lifestyle described.

Listening task.

Part 1: Match the Speaker to the Home

Speaker	Type of Home	Location	Likes / Positives	Dislikes / Challenges
1	Houseboat	On the canal in Oxford	Cheaper than a house (£20,000), artistic/alternative lifestyle, cozy	No space near city centre, needed repairs
2	Flat (Block of flats)	Outskirts of Prague	Spacious, 3 bedrooms, balcony with city view, shared garden	No private garden, parents can't afford a better place
3	Farmhouse	Countryside outside Florence	Spacious, beautifully restored, 6 bedrooms, no need to share room	Far from the town, no great views, misses city excitement
4	Terraced house	Boston	Lovely, charming, good condition despite age	Old-fashioned décor, needs modernising and insulation

Part 2: True or False

1. Speaker 1 lives on a houseboat in the countryside, far from the city. → **False**

"But in fact the boat is parked on the canal in Oxford."

2. Speaker 2 lives in a spacious flat with a balcony and city views. → **True**

"The flat is quite spacious and has got three bedrooms... We're on the eighth floor so we can see right across the city, which is fantastic."

3. Speaker 3 prefers their new farmhouse more than their old flat in Florence. → **False**

“All in all, it's not a bad place to live, but I miss the excitement of city life.”

4. Speaker 4's house in Boston is very modern and doesn’t need any repairs. → **False**

“It's in good condition but the décor is very old-fashioned... They also need to insulate the roof.”

5. The farmhouse described by Speaker 3 is surrounded by trees and far from town. → **True**

“Although the countryside round here is lovely, the views aren't great from the house as it's surrounded by trees... it's a couple of kilometers to the nearest town.”