

Test Your Reading Skills

Home Security – Dos and Don'ts

Photocopy this page, cut out the sentences and mix them up. Students read each sentence and decide in small groups whether they belong in the "DOS" list or the "DON'TS" list:

1. Close all the windows before going out.
2. When someone you don't know comes to the door, ask to see their ID.
3. Learn a martial art so that you can deal with burglars effectively if they break into your home.
4. Don't tell anyone your address, even your family and friends.
5. Ask a friend to call round a couple of times to check the house while you are away on holiday.
6. Fit several large locks to the inside of the front door.
7. Leave a spare key under a flowerpot outside near the front door.
8. Lock the front door when you leave the house.
9. Stay in all day and all night, just in case.
10. Leave on a radio or the TV when you go out at night.
11. Keep all tools and garden equipment safely locked in the shed.
12. Have a spare front door key cut and give it to a trusted friend, in case you lose your own key.
13. Tell everyone you know that you're going on holiday and for how long the house will be empty.
14. Leave a tall ladder in the garden leaning up against the wall near an open bathroom window.
15. Make sure that you have enough home contents insurance cover for all of your possessions and valuables, in case your house is burgled.
16. Put an address label on the key fob that has your house key on it.
17. Leave the front door unlocked when you go to bed at night.
18. Cancel the milk and papers for the period when you are away on holiday.
19. Close all the curtains before leaving the house.
20. Build an eight metre high metal perimeter wall around your property and land.

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Pre-teaching Vocabulary:

Depending on the level of your group, you may want to pre-teach some of the more difficult vocabulary words used in this activity, such as:

martial art, burglar, flowerpot, equipment, possessions, valuables, perimeter, property

Answers:

Definite dos:

1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18

Definite don'ts:

4, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20

Up for debate:

3, 6, 7

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