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### Interpretive Task

#### Description of Task:

Your parents have decided to buy a vacation home in Italy. They look through an Italian magazine and see an ad with a picture of house that they like. They don't read Italian, so they ask you to read the ad.

**A. You look at the ad to see if it has the features that your parents want to have in the house they will buy. You put a check next to the feature that the house in the ad does have.**

1.  This house is near the sea.
2.  There is only one model of the house available.
3.  A home security system is included.
4.  This house is one of a group of houses in a tourist village.
5.  This house has modern conveniences.
6.  It is only available for summer rental.
- Some of the houses can accommodate two families.
- The size of the house can change according to your family's needs.
- This house is available for purchase only through an agent.
- You can custom design your kitchen.

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**B. You write the answers to the questions your parents ask in English.**

1. How can we find out more information about the house?

call james cook, email, or mail

2. What is the area of Italy in which the house is located?

valle d'oria

3. Is there an area where we can sit outside and/or grow vegetables?

yes

4. Is it possible to make new friends in the area? Explain.

yes, you can go to the beach

5. What activities can you do in the surrounding area if you stay there during the summer?

go to the beach

no explanation  
limited

C. You refer to the ad and read about the features of the house. List three reasons your parents should buy this house. in English

- OK 1. è più sicura  
2. è più confortevole  
3. è meno costosa

D. In what ways would the lifestyle be similar or different to how you usually spend your summer?

OK

Differences	Similarities
it's in Italy	at the beach
the house is big	it is sunny
good investment	outside area

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E. The ad claims that this house can have many purposes. Explain how it measures up to these claims, using information in the ad to arrive at your conclusion:

~~x~~ "per cambiare vita" ba good work,  
because it's big

b. "per fare un ottimo investimento" good investment  
because...

c. "e' piu' confortevole" it's comfortable, because  
the couches are nice

~~x~~ "il centro dei tuoi desideri" in the center of  
your life

e. "trascorrere vacanze serene" good vacation scene

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Intermediate-Low Interpretive Reading Rubric  
 Una Villa in Italia

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Can I identify the main idea?	I identify the main ideas presented in the text.	I identify the main ideas presented in the text.	I do not identify the main ideas of the text.
Can I understand supporting details?	I provide strong support for the decision to purchase the house, giving several reasons based upon information in ad.	I provide some support for purchase of the house, giving some reasons based upon information in ad.	I provide little support for purchase of the house. I do not refer to information provided in ad.
Can I infer meaning?	I infer the meaning of most phrases in context. My responses demonstrate some cultural awareness.	I infer the meaning of a few phrases in context. My responses demonstrate little cultural awareness.	I do not infer meaning of phrases in context. My responses do not demonstrate cultural awareness.