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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.
- 2x 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.
7. Some of the houses can accommodate two families.
8. The size of the house can change according to your family's needs.
9. This house is available for purchase only through an agent.
10. You can custom design your kitchen.

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

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

You can contact the realtor James Cook at +39 019 584046

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

On the coast of Italy in Valleaoria.

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

Yes. There is a gated in backyard area.

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

Yes. It is a close community with lots of activities.

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

You can reach the sea in 5 minutes on bike, or ~~drive~~ walk around the park the houses are located in.

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

1. Every part of the house can be made to fit your needs.
2. The sea is very close.
3. The house is technologically advanced.

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

Differences	Similarities
The beach would be much closer	It would be relaxing and enjoyable.
my family would be surrounded by a new culture.	I could spend time outside.
It would be a longer trip than local destination vacations.	

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molto bene!
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:

- a. ^{for a better life} "per cambiare vita" You're being exposed to new wonderful culture.
- b. ^{for to make a wise investment} "per fare un ottimo investimento" Having a second property is a smart investment
- c. ^{is very comfortable} "e piu' confortevole" You can have the house made to meet your needs.
- d. ^{the center of your desire} "il centro dei tuoi desideri" It is close to the beach in a beautiful surroundings
- e. ^{vacation realm} "trascorrere vacanze serene" By the beach it is calm and nature and technology live in harmony.

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Intermediate-Low Interpretive Reading Rubric
 Una Villa in Italia

	Exceeds Expectations I identify the main ideas presented in the text.	Meets Expectations I do not identify the main ideas of the text.	Does Not Meet Expectations I do not identify the main ideas of the text.
Can I identify the main idea?	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 understand supporting details?	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.