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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.
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?

Yw Call ~~James Cook~~ through telephone, fax, or cell

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

Il Parco di Vallerboria

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

Yes because there's a garden

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

Yes, you can make new friends at the beach or with the other family.

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

Ride your bike to the beach, grow a garden.

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

1. It has a security system

2. It is close to the beach

3. You can grow vegetables.

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

Differences	Similarities
It would be more of a house than a hotel	I would still go to the beach.
It would be a 2 family house rather than a hotel	The weather will be hot
I would have to go over the summer	It would be in a small town

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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:

- a. "per cambiare vita" To change a life.
- b. "per fare un ottimo investimento" It's a good investment
- c. "e' piu' confortevole" It's comfortable
- d. "il centro dei tuoi desideri" It's in the center of the city.
- e. "trascorrere vacanze serene" You can go to the place to relax

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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 identify the main ideas presented in 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. ✓