**Elementary Book: Chapter 11**

**Homes**

Vocabulary

furnishings (noun – n. plural)

bought(verb – v. – simple past)

second-hand (compound noun – comp. n.)

fancy (adjective.)

modern furniture (collocation – col.)

style (n.)

bachelor pad (comp. n.)

it’s time for a change (expression – exp.)

grab (v.)

a couple (n.)

lamps (n. – plural)

armchair (n.)

chuck out (phrasal verb – ph. v.)

monstrosity (n.)

smells like feet (exp.)

ceiling (n.)

sofa (n.)

book shelves (comp. n. – plural)

washing machine (comp. n.)

wardrobe (n.)

built-in closet (comp. n.)

cheap ( adj.)

cardboard (n.)

collapse (v.)

deluxe (adj.)

brand new (adj.)

organize (v.)

neat and tidy (exp.)

ice trays (comp.n.)

**Before listening**

Answer these questions. Use full sentences and record the questions and your answers on your phone or personal computer. Share your answers with your classmates.

1. What was the last furniture item you bought?
2. Do you prefer to buy first-hand or second-hand furniture? Explain.

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Thomas is thinking to himself. Listen to the thoughts that Thomas is having within his own head.

I need to get some new **furnishings** for my apartment. I **bought** everything **second-hand** last year. I feel like I’m living in my grandmother’s house. I need to **pop over** to Ikea and get some **fancy** **modern furniture** to bring a little bit of **style** to my **bachelor pad**. **It’s time for a change**.

First, I’ll **grab a couple** of those fancy **lamps** that hang down at a weird angle. Then I’ll buy an **armchair** and **chuck out** that old **monstrosity** that **smells like feet**. I think I’ll need to paint the **ceiling**. If I get all this new furniture, then the yellowing ceiling will look awful next to the whiteness of the new **sofa** and **book shelves**.

The **fridge** I have is OK. Also I think the **washing machine** is fine. So far I haven’t had any problems with them.

What I need to get most of all is a new **wardrobe**. My old place had a **built-in closet**. That was fantastic. I have been using this **cheap** **cardboard** wardrobe from AVM. I always knew it was only going to be temporary, but I’ve been using it for 6 months and I’m really sick of it. The middle of it **sags** and I know it’ll just **collapse** one day soon. I’ll buy a **deluxe**, **brand new** large wardrobe. Then I can **organize** all of my clothes and keep the place looking **neat and tidy**. Ikea, here I come.

Oh, and I have to buy one of those cool rubber **ice trays**.

**After listening**

Answer these questions. Use full sentences and record the questions and your answers on your phone or personal computer. Share your answers with your classmates.

1. Why does the speaker need to buy new furniture?
2. What are some furnishings that he needs to buy?