**1. Read the text**

**Q**. Some people are baffled about where to place colour. If their favorite colour is blue for example, they do not know if they should buy a blue sofa, paint the walls blue, or order blue carpeting. Can you comment on using our favourite colors and ways to incorporate them into home décor?

**Tricia Foley**: "I always recommend painting patches of color on the wall to try out living with them and looking at the true colour at different times of the day...taping up big memo samples of fabric on walls or pinning to existing furniture and spending some time with these "tests" also helps even the professionals make up their minds! Putting together simple boards with all the swatches will give an overview if it's difficult to imagine it all together."

**Q.** What advice do you have for someone with a new house to decorate and perhaps a limited budget?

**Tricia Foley**: "Go with good classic design in terms of furniture. I always look for multi-purpose pieces that can be used for other rooms as living conditions change. Set the scene for your own personal style with neutral walls and floors. Then add simple window treatments and bed linens to transform a space with color."

**to be baffled –** быть озадаченным

**to incorporate –** соединять(ся), объединять(ся)

**to tape up –** *зд.* привязывать

**to pin –** прикалывать (булавкой)

**make up one’s mind –** принять решение, решиться

**swatch** – образчик (ткани), образец, экземпляр

**overview –** общее представление (о каком-л. предмете): (беглый) обзор

**in terms of –** по отношению к

**2. Find the English equivalents:**

to be puzzled, to unite, pattern, cloth, to decide, to fancy, universal, to change

**3. True or false?**

1) Homeowners usually have some problems in using their favourite colour in home décor.

2) It is always very easy for a professional designer to imagine the whole décor of the room .

3) If you don’t know exactly what colours to choose, paint different patches of colour on the walls.

4) Tricia gives some advice how to decorate without excess expenses.

5) The furniture must be multi-functional.

**4. Match the words with their synonyms or definitions. Then fill in the gaps with the necessary form of these words.**

1) to incorporate a) a sample of cloth

2) to imagine b) a complete change

3) an overview c) to form a united whole or mass

4) a swatch d) to form a picture or idea in the mind

5) to add e) to join something to something

6) a transformation f) a general survey

1) I can … the scene clearly.

2) You may … some necessary accessories to the interior of this room.

3) I chose … of neutral colour which would be compatible with the décor of this interior.

4) We shall try … some of your ideas into our future plans.

5) All the elements of the décor give … of the designer’s conception.

6) You’ve painted the room blue all over; what … !

**5. Translate the sentences:**

1) Нам было очень сложно объединить эти яркие цвета в декоре данной комнаты.

2) Дизайнер представила несколько образцов ткани, которые она хотела использовать для драпировки.

3) Родители решили полностью изменить декор всей квартиры, хотя и были ограничены в средствах.

4) Декоратор попытался дать общий обзор своего дизайнерского проекта.