**TEXT 7**

**Part 1**

**1. Read the text**

Tricia Foley, author, editor, and product designer loves natural colors and vintage linens. She employs a simple decorating style that is both practical and personal. Showcased in the book, Designer In Residence, her house is a study of simplicity and restraint. It was constructed from stock lumber and easily available parts. The room welcomes guests all summer long with an interior in white, beige, tan, and other natural colors and accessories. She notes; "A classic neutral color scheme creates a soothing background for the life you lead in your home, surrounded by the things that have meaning to you." If you love the idea of simple vintage decor, you will want to hear what else Tricia has to say about decorating...

Q. What are some of the common decorating mistakes made by homeowners? What is your advice on how to avoid or correct those mistakes?

Tricia Foley: "I think that many people try to copy what's trendy rather than trusting their own personal style in decorating a home and then the look doesn't last. If you're really not sure about making decorating decisions, keep a file of pictures of favorite rooms culled from books and magazines to help narrow it down.

"In terms of color for walls, I always do a test patch and live with it to see how the color responds to the light and with the existing furnishings. It's also important to put it all together and make sure that your color palette is compatible and that you're not acquiring furniture and accessories in bits and pieces that don't work together."

Q. What would be your recommendation for "what to do first" in a decorating project?

Tricia Foley: "It makes sense to follow the architectural style of the space. Determine the function of the room and really think about how you will use it. Then furnish it appropriately for those uses. Finally, layer of your own personal style – not someone else's. Aim for personal comfort as well as visual appeal level."

vintage – 1) старинный, классический; 2) устаревший, старомодный; 3) стиль винтаж

lumber – ненужные громоздкие вещи, брошенная мебель и т. п.; хлам

to lead a life – вести, проводить жизнь

homeowner – владелец дома, домохозяин

to trust - доверять

patch – клочок, лоскут, обрывок; обрывок, отрывок, обломок

to cull – отбирать

to respond – отвечать, реагировать; соответствовать

**2. Find the English equivalents in the text**

полотна, простота, сдержанность, легкодоступный, желто-коричневый, аксессуары, мягкий фон, вид, совместимый (сочетаемый), пространство, соответствующе, определить назначение, обставлять мебелью, уровень визуальной привлекательности

**3. Find the synonyms to the following words:**

old-fashioned, useful, individual, was built, to greet (to salute), recommendation, to imitate, stylish, room, convenience

**4. True or false?**

1) Tricia Foley, author, editor and designer, is very fond of vintage décor.

2) Tricia thinks that nowadays it is widespread that homeowners imitate someone else’s style.

3) Tricia usually hangs wallpaper in the room without doing a test patch.

4) It is very important for the interior design that furniture and accessories go well together.

5) You can get personal comfort even if the space of the room is not appropriately used.

**5. Fill in the gaps with the following words: compatible, accessories, background, visual, space, comfort, to construct, palette, to furnish, furniture. Then make up your own sentences with the** words.

1) She was wearing a pastel green costume with white … .

2) The building company … this magnificent bridge.

3) He paints from a … consisting almost exclusively of grey and mud brown.

4) One can live in … in such alluring interior.

5) It cost a fortune for us … our new flat.

6) The … arts are painting, dancing etc., as opposed to music and literature.

7) This design project is not … with others because of its new approach.

8) That old French table is a very valuable piece of … .

9) We’ll have to clear some … to make room for the new sofa.

10) This young man is a very … interior decorator.

11) The mountains and the dale form the … in this picture.

**6. Match the words to their definitions:**

1) background a) a flat board used by artists to mix paints

2) accessories b) cosy, convenient,

3) palette c) the scenery or space behind the objects in a picture

4) space d) the large movable articles, such as chairs and tables, that equip a room or house

5) comfortable e) area, room

6) furniture f) ) a supplementary part or object

**7. Translate into English:**

1) Она предпочитает естественные цвета при оформлении интерьеров.

2) Этот дизайнер любит использовать простой стиль, так как он помогает создать мягкий основной фон для декора.

3) Обычно владельцы домов копируют то, что модно, а не используют свой индивидуальный стиль при оформлении интерьера.

4) Очень важно, чтобы цветовая палитра соответствовала меблировке и аксессуарам интерьера.

**8. Give your own design recommendations using the following phrases from the text:**

to employ a …decorating style

to welcome the guests with an interior in … colours

to create a … background for the life you lead

to surround oneself with the things that have meaning

not to copy someone else’s style in design

to trust one’s own taste (style)

to make decorating decisions

to collect pictures of favourite rooms from books and magazines

to do a test patch on the wall

to respond to the light and with the furnishings

to be compatible with

to follow the architectural style of the space

to furnish appropriately for uses