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# Lessons 11–12 Arabic homes: the Majlis

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- What style is your Majlis going to be?
- What design features are you going to have?

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## Language tip

When you are referring to a diagram, use phrases like *The diagram shows* ...

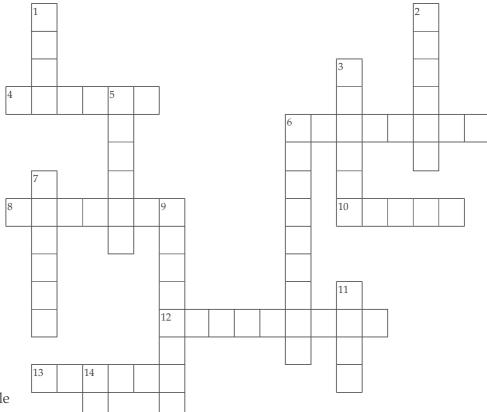
You can see ...

*Notice the ...* 

The diagram shows a proposal for a new Majlis. You can see there is seating for 10 to 12 people.

**2** Write a description of your Majlis. Use phrases from the *Language tip* box.

**3** Complete the crossword below. The words in the box will help you.



### Across

- **4** A group of people who are related to each other.
- 6 Having the ability to make new things of new ideas.
- **8** In the middle of something.
- **10** A way something is done, created or performed.
- **12** Something that has been done by a community for a long time.
- **13** Of the present or up-to-date style.

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#### Down

- **1** A part or section of a larger space.
- **2** A'sitting place' in Arabic.
- **3** People who come to visit your home.
- **5** Very expensive and high-class.
- **6** A group of people from the same area, neighbours, friends and family.
- **7** A plan or drawing, to show how something is to be made or decorated.
- **9** Used to provide light.
- 11 A person who looks after guests in their house.
- **14** Used to describe the decoration or a room or building.

## Lessons 13–14 **The mosque**

1 Work in a group to brainstorm a description of a famous mosque from your emirate. Write down key noun phrases in the space provided. Use the photographs on page 40 of your Coursebook to help.

**2** Use combinations of the words in the boxes or any other words you can think of to describe famous buildings or objects. Your partner will guess what you are describing. Follow the examples given below.

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**3** Saeed was asked in class to write about his local mosque and what makes it so nice to look at. Read the description he wrote to his classmates. Read it again. Locate the head nouns and underline each pre-modified noun phrase.

Dear friends,

Yesterday evening, I went to my local mosque near my house. It is a wonderful sandstone-coloured, ornate building with nice, large, wooden doors that are very welcoming. The tall, clean minaret can be seen from miles away so when I am



travelling home I can see it straightaway. The mosque has a large, curved dome and it is very decorative. It has cool, marble floors on the outside and round, flowing archways. I really love going there!

Could you tell me about your local mosque?

Thanks,

Saeed

4 Respond to Saeed's letter by telling him about your local mosque. Try to describe at least three features. Use as many complex noun phrases as you can. Write your reply in the space provided.

## Writing tip

Use noun phrases to help add detail to your writing.