Task One – Sort the sentences
Look at these sentences about a house. You are going to put them into three paragraphs. Work out whether the sentences are about:

(a) The **garden**.
(b) The **outside** of the house.
(c) The **inside** of the house.

1. There was ivy growing up the walls.
2. The grass stretched out for miles.
3. There was a tall hedge all around the outside.
4. A dusty red carpet ran up the stairs.
5. The roof was cracked and broken.
6. The garden looked like it hadn’t been touched for years.
7. The rooms were empty.
8. The walls were a dusty grey colour.
9. A cobbled path led up to the door of the old house.
10. In one corner there was a small pond.
11. Cobwebs hung down from the ceiling in the hallway.
12. The old wooden door lay open.
13. The carpet was worn away in places.
14. There was almost no furniture.
15. The house towered up towards the sky.
16. Leaves lay scattered across the path.
17. The windows were dirty.
18. A bird’s nest lay on top of the chimney.
20. Upstairs were many doors leading to many different rooms.
21. A rusty gate opened the way into the garden.
22. Many windows were broken.
23. The wallpaper was old and faded.
24. There was an old rocking chair in the corner of one room.

You should now have worked out which paragraph each sentence should go in.

Task Two – Put the sentences into paragraphs
Copy out the sentences into your book in the form of three paragraphs. Remember to leave a gap at the beginning of the line where the paragraph starts and also leave a line in between each paragraph.

Task Three – Redraft the paragraphs
Think about which sentences you can combine. Can you use a conjunction to join two sentences together? Can you put the sentences in a different order to make more sense? Can you put similar sentences together? Do you need to add or delete any sections?