


1. Which of these best describes the writer's purpose?

- a. To explain the reasons of the shrinking population.
- b. To show the change in the value of older buildings by refurbishment.
- c. To show the success of the post-war housing trade.

2. Match the words to the definitions.

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- a) demolish
 - b) scaffolding
 - c) clang
 - d) refurbish
 - e) shrink

- 1. to decorate and repair something
- 2. to make a loud metal sound being hit
- 3. to knock down a building
- 4. to become smaller in size or amount
- 5. poles and boards joined together for workers when they are working on the outside wall of a building