

4 HOUSING

- A) My home (house/flat, rooms, furniture, housework)
- B) Living in a town and in the country (advantages, disadvantages)
- C) Ideal living (dreams of my house)

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- Home** - not only 4 walls with a roof
- It's the cooking, eating, talking, playing, arguing, family living
 - It's a birthplace or the place where you feel safe and relaxed
- 'Home'
- different meanings for different people;
 - to child → parents, bed time stories, toys
 - to teenager → strict rules, arguments about school results, clothes and pocket money
 - to working woman → hard work, household chores
 - to man → tasty meals, relaxation
- place, where all the members of the family can feel safe, happy, find help whenever they need
 - students spend several years in the campus which becomes their home;
 - host families become the second home for those who apply for a scholarship and spend several months in a foreign country

- House** - a building for people to live

- Several different kinds of houses/dwellings: bungalow, semi-detached h., detached h., terraced h., block of flats, cottage, mansion, apartment/flat, guest house...

Parts of a house:

rooms: bedroom, bathroom, living r., dining r., guest r., children's r., kitchen, bathroom, toilet,
hall, stairs, upstairs, downstairs, floor, ground/first floor, garage, balcony,
garden(front/back)

Housework : cleaning, doing the washing up, taking out the rubbish, help in the kitchen, help with household repairs, make the bed, vacuum cleaning, mow the grass, water the lawn, work in the garden...

B) Living in a town and in the country (advantages, disadvantages)

The reasons why we choose the place to be our home are various. It can be:

- in the country – village - quiet, far from busy city, living in privacy is more important
 - └ you know all the neighbours and you're out in the country
 - └ fresh air, less pollution, nice environment, nature
- town/city, because it's difficult to imagine life far from 'civilization'
 - └ offer more opportunities (find a job, education, culture, sport facilities)
 - └ you're never alone, you're surrounded by lots of people, anonymity

C) Ideal house

Location, size, rooms, furniture, appliances, surrounding, colour...

Tasks:

Picture

- Describe the types of housing in the pictures.
- Compare and contrast them. Which one is more similar to where you live? Where would you prefer to live?

Topic:

- Describe your flat/house and furniture in your own room.
- The proverb says: *My house, my castle*. Agree or disagree with the proverb.
- Describe your home (house/flat, furniture, housework in your family).
- Compare living in a town and in a village.
- Do you agree/disagree with the proverbs: *East or west home is best. Home, sweet home*.

Role-play:

Your parents want to talk to you. They plan to sell the flat you're living in now and want to move to the countryside where your granny lives. Your beloved granddad died last summer and Granny has now become ill. She always preferred your cousins Mike and Michelle who are more successful at school. She is a little stingy. The place is without a school, amusement facilities, sports facilities and public transport is limited. You do not like this idea and you don't want to move there. Try to persuade them to stay in the town.

Your friend's parents are away for a few days. You have agreed to help your friend with some housework.

- Find out what housework your friend needs to help with.
- Find out a time you're both free.
- Agree what your friend will do for you in return.