

● What type of home do you live in?

I live in a flat (*BrE*) / apartment (*AmE*) on the ground / first / second floor in a block of flats (*BrE*) / apartment building (*AmE*) in the centre / suburbs / outskirts of a city / in a busy street. I live in a detached house / semi-detached house / terraced house / villa / in a small town / village / on top of a hill / next to a lake.

● Can you describe your flat / house?

Our flat has two / three bedrooms / a living room / kitchen / bathroom / toilet / spare room / study / entrance hall. Our house has two floors: on the ground floor you can find the hall / living room / kitchen / dining room and on the first floor you can find the bedrooms and bathroom. We also have an attic / a loft / basement / cellar / garden / balcony / porch. The flat / house is new / old and it is decorated in a modern / traditional style.

● What is your room like?

My room is big / small / cramped / tidy / messy. I share my room with my brother / sister / I have my own room. There is a wooden floor / carpet on the floor and wallpaper on the walls / the walls are painted white. I have a bunk bed / a single bed / wardrobe / desk / bedside table / some bookshelves... against the wall / in the corner / next to the window. I have posters / photos / shelves on my wall. I have a computer / television / lamp on my desk. I can see a street / park from my window.

● Would you prefer to live in a house or a flat? Why?

I would prefer to live in a house because you have more space / privacy / you can have a garden / more guests can stay at your place / you can live a more peaceful, cleaner life, away from the city centre. I would prefer to live in a flat because you can live closer to the town centre / shops / restaurants / friends / it is easier to keep a flat clean / a flat is cheaper to look after.

● What is your neighbourhood like?

My neighbourhood is peaceful / noisy / exciting / boring. It has a lot of / doesn't have many shops / restaurants / parks / trees / things to do. There are mostly tall blocks of flats / detached houses / busy streets. Most people who live in my neighbourhood are families / old people / students. I think the area is safe / dangerous / friendly / welcoming / dull.

● In your opinion, is it better to live in a village or a city? Why?

I think it is better to live in a village because it is quieter / cleaner / safer / less polluted / there is a greater sense of community and you know your

neighbours. I believe it is better to live in a city because it is more exciting / more convenient / it is easy to get around thanks to public transport / there are more things to do and more people to meet.

● Can you describe your dream home? Where would it be and what would it look like?

My dream home would be in a village / town / in the centre of a big city / by the sea / by a lake / in the mountains / in the countryside / in a forest. It would be a big flat with five bedrooms / a big balcony / a great view from its windows. It would be a modern / traditional house made from wood / brick with a terrace / garden / swimming pool.

● What reasons are there for moving to a new home?

You can move when you get a new job in a different town / find a better place to live / want to live closer to your relatives / have a baby / get divorced. People move from a village to a city / from a city to a village to change their lifestyle. The area where you live may become more expensive / more dangerous / your family may need more / less space.

● What housework do you like / dislike?

I enjoy / like / don't mind cooking / doing the dishes / vacuuming (*AmE*) / hoovering (*BrE*) the floor / gardening / fixing things. I hate / dislike / can't stand mowing the lawn / mopping the floor / cleaning the bathroom / tidying my room / doing the ironing.

● What kind of housing is typical in your country?

In my country most people who live in towns and cities live in blocks of flats. Most people who live in villages / in the countryside live in houses / semi-detached houses / detached houses. Some people have cottages (*BrE*) / weekend houses / cabins (*AmE*) / second homes in the countryside.

● What are some typical examples of housing in the UK / US? Can you describe them?

In British cities you will mostly find terraced and semi-detached houses and blocks of flats. Terraced houses are attached to each other in a long row. Semi-detached houses are two houses joined in the middle. In the suburbs and the countryside you will find more detached houses (houses standing alone and surrounded by gardens) and farms. Most houses are made from brick or stone. In the US, most people in cities live in apartments. In the countryside, Americans live in houses with large front yards and back yards. Single-floor homes are called bungalows or ranch houses. People who can't afford a house can live in a trailer / mobile home, which is a factory-made home that is transported to the owner's site.

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