

#### Vocabulary

## **Describing houses and homes**

I can describe houses and homes.

Look at the photos. What types of homes are they? Listen and choose from the words below. What type of home do you live in?























**SPEAKING** Which of the homes in the photos would you most like to live in? Why? In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of living in each type of home?

Позволить себе домохозяйку

Сигнализация

Позволить себе дизайнера по ландшафту

Вечерние ужины

Счета на электричество/воду

Слишком большие комнаты

Украшать

Высокие налоги

Чувствовать себя хорошо





Бассейны, сауны

Мебелировать

Иметь соседей

Гибкость

Природа, озеро, лес

Близлежащие магазины

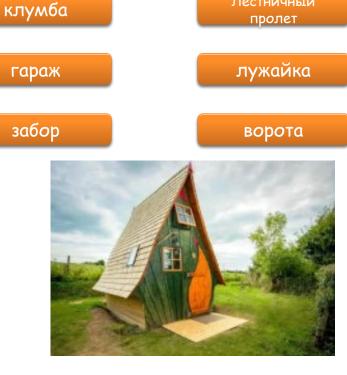




пристройка лестница погреб цоколь балкон

оранжерея

чердак



прихожая тропинка

Живая изгородь дворик

Лестничный ставни

і́ка крыльцо

Скользящие двери











































**Q2.03 VOCABULARY** Work in pairs. Listen to the words below. Put them into two groups: those that are more likely to be a) part of a house and b) in a garden.

Parts of a house

In a garden

attic, drive, balcony fence. basement flowerbed. cellar, garage, conservatory, gate extension hedge hall, lawn landing path porch patio shutters, pond, sliding doors, swimming pool stairs

Parts of a house and garden attic balcony basement cellar conservatory drive extension fence flower bed garage gate hall hedge landing lawn path patio pond porch shutters sliding doors stairs swimming pool

## 4 How many more rooms and other parts of a house or garden can you think of?









veranda





fireplace

gutter

loft,

windowsill





flower bed

gazebo





spare room,















roof terrace, utility room,



railings

## 5 Which is the odd one out? Explain why. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 cellar basement attic
  2 detached house bungalow mansion
  1 attic: It is at the top of the house;
  the cellar and basement are below
- 3 lawn path porch the house.
- 4 detached house semi-detached house terraced house
- 5 fence gate hedge
  6 houseboat mobile home villa
  7 pond swimming pool patio
  2 bungalow: This has only a single storey.
  / mansion: This is larger and more impressive than a detached house or bungalow.
- 8 cottage houseboat farmhouse3 porch: The lawn and path are part of the garden.
- 4 detached house: It is not joined to another house.
- 5 gate: It is not a border; it's an entrance and it opens.
- 6 villa: It is not moveable. / houseboat: It is on the water.
- 7 patio: It does not contain water.
- 8 houseboat: It is a home on the water.

# 5 2.04 Listen to an estate agent showing someone round a house. Which seven parts of the house are mentioned in the dialogue?

Has an estate agent ever shown volu around a house?

**Estate agent** So, this is the house ... As I say, it's conveniently located near to the shops. And there are lots of good restaurants and bars nearby.

Woman So it's quite noisy, then?

EA Lively, I'd say. We're in a very popular area of the town.

W The road's quite busy.

**EA** Well, yes, it can get busy. There are lots of buses that will take you right to the town centre. Here's one now, in fact!

W Oh, it's stopping right outside the front gate. There's a bus

stop here!

**EA** Yes! What could be more convenient? Shall we go in? So this is the hall. And on the right is the living room. Cosy, isn't it?

W Hmm. It's certainly small, and a bit dark.

EA And through here is the kitchen.

W It's tiny.

**EA** It certainly isn't spacious, but I wouldn't say it's cramped. The cooker and fridge are new. And it looks out onto the back garden.

W Oh, yes. The owner isn't keen on gardening, then.

EA No, I suppose not!

W And the back fence is very dilapidated. It looks like it could fall down at any moment!

**EA** Yes, it might possibly need a bit of work ... Moving on upstairs ... This is the main bedroom. There's a charming view from the window.

W I can see right into the bus station.

**EA** Yes, er, I mean above that. You can see right across the town ... So, what do you think of the house?

W Hmm, I'm not sure.

EA It could be beautifully restored.



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?ly to buy it?



front gate, hall, living room, kitchen, back garden, (back) fence, main bedroom

Match nine of the words below with meanings 1-8. Check the meaning of all the words.

**Describing houses and rooms** beautifully restored charming contemporary conveniently located cosy cramped dilapidated impressive peaceful popular / lively area

remote spacious substantial tiny

1	uncomfortably small	cramped
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- 2 very small tiny
- 3 quiet peaceful
- 4 far from other places remote
- 5 modern contemporary
- 6 in a good location conveniently located
- 7 in very bad condition dilapidated
- 8 large (two words) spacious, substantial

restored	восстановленный
charming	очаровательный
contemporary	современный
conveniently	удобно
cosy	уютный
cramped	тесный
dilapidated	ветхий
impressive	впечатляющий
peaceful	тихий
remote	отдаленный
spacious	просторный
substantial	солидный
tiny	крошечный



### Listen again Complete the sentences with words

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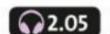
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### 2.05 Listen to four people describing their homes.

Match sentences a-e with speakers 1-4. There is one extra sentence.

This home:

a is not as mod

**b** did not cost

c is very dilapid

has got won

e is in a remote

I live in a block of flate on the outskirts of Drague The flat We live in a terraced house in Boston. We've been living here for about a month now. It's a lovely house, guite old. My parents bought it from an old lady who lived here for 40 years. During that time she didn't really modernise it. It's in good condition but the décor is very old-fashioned. My parents want to create a much more contemporary look and are going to spend guite a bit of money on it until they've got it how they want it. They also need to insulate the roof so we don't waste any energy. I think they're going to start in the next month or two. not a bad place to live, but I miss the excitement of city life. rical tire certain, but there still lit tire city





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Which one appeals to you most? Which appeals least? Why?



Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4



A houseboat



A block of flats



An old farmhouse



A terraced house

#### **RECYCLE!** some, any, much and many

- We use some in affirmative sentences.
- We use anv in negative sentences and questions
- 1a some b any 2a some b much 3 many 4 any
- vve use *mucri* with uncountable nouns and *muny* with plural countable nouns.



#### Read the Recycle! box. Circle the correct words to complete the sentences. Then listen again and check.

- 1 a It was in a pretty poor state and needed some any work doing on it.
  - **b** Unfortunately, there aren't **some** any spaces for boats near the centre.
- 2 a You reach it through some / any glass sliding doors from the living room.
  - **b** Unfortunately, my parents don't earn much / many money, so we can't afford to move.
- 3 There aren't much (many) people living nearby.
- 4 They also need to insulate the roof so we don't waste some any energy.

#### **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Describe your home to your partner. Use the phrases below to help you.

#### Describing where you live

It's a flat / detached house / terraced house.

It's in the town centre / on the outskirts / in the suburbs.

There's a park / There are some shops nearby.

It's got ... (bedrooms).

There is ... (other rooms).

There's / There isn't a garden / drive, etc.

It's a bit / very (adjective).















- 1 mansion\_n
- <sup>2</sup> farmhouse\_
- 3 villa\_
- 4 mobile home \_
- 5 flat
- 6 bungalow
- 7 houseboat \_t
- 8 terraced house
- 9 semi-detached house s\_
- 10 thatched cottage
- 11 detached house













Look at the picture and complete the labels.



## Complete the description with the missing words.

My idea	al home is	in the city. It's a	contemporary	
flat, in an <sup>2</sup>		impressiv	e, modern	
huildin	g in a 3	lively are niently locate	ed for shops,	
		inemas. Inside,		
5	cramp	ed	In fact, it's very	
6	spacio	ous		

Write a short description of your ideal home. Include the information below. Use words from exercises 1 and 2 and phrases from exercise 3 to help you.

- · Where is it?
- What type of home is it?
- Rooms and other features
- Adjectives to describe it





My ideal home is in the city. It's a contemporary flat, in an impressive, modern building in a lively area. It's conveniently located for shops, restaurants and cinemas. Inside, it isn't at all cramped. In fact, it's very spacious.