

# 4A

## 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?



mansion



farmhouse



detached house



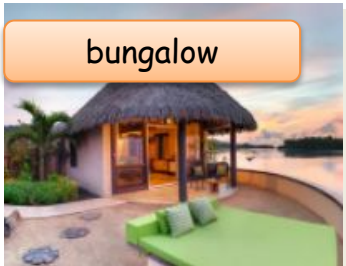
terraced house



thatched house



houseboat



bungalow



semi-detached house



mobile home



flat

**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



чердак

оранжерея

прихожая

тропинка

лестница

пристройка

Живая изгородь

дворик

погреб

клумба

Лестничный  
пролет

ставни

цоколь

гараж

лужайка

крыльцо

балкон

забор

ворота

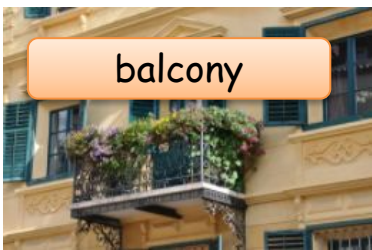
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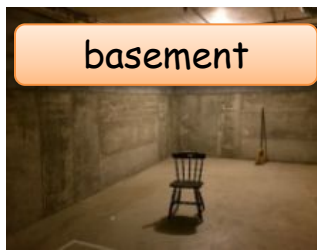
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balcony



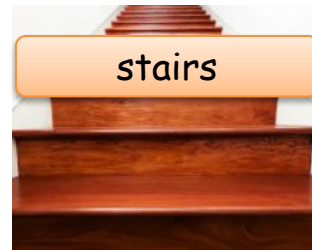
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stairs



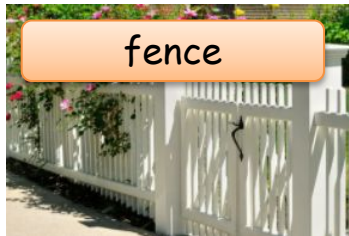
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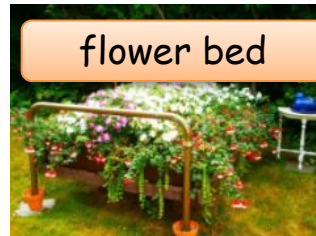
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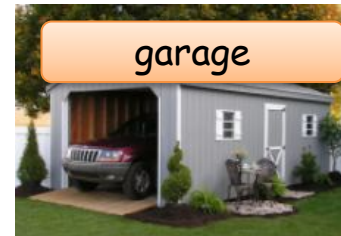
fence



flower bed



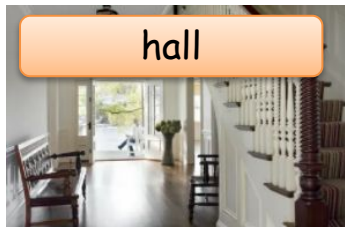
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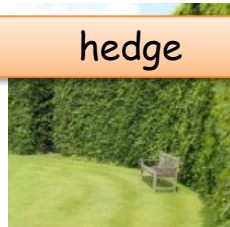
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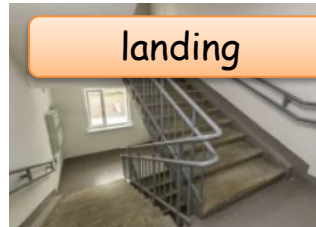
hall



hedge



landing



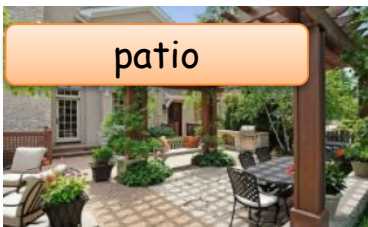
lawn



path



patio



porch

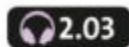


shutters



sliding doors





2.03

**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

attic,  
balcony,  
basement,  
cellar,  
conservatory,  
extension,  
hall,  
landing,  
porch,  
shutters,  
sliding doors,  
stairs

In a garden

drive,  
fence,  
flowerbed,  
garage,  
gate,  
hedge,  
lawn,  
path,  
patio,  
pond,  
swimming pool



**Parts of a house and garden** attic balcony basement cellar conservatory  
drive extension fence flowerbed 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?



chimney,



veranda



windowsill



gutter,



bicycle shed



garden wall



spare room,



study,



flower bed



gazebo,



roof,



roof terrace,



pergola,



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

3 lawn path porch

4 detached house semi-detached house terraced house

5 fence gate hedge

6 houseboat mobile home villa

7 pond swimming pool patio

8 cottage houseboat farmhouse

**1 attic:** It is at the top of the house; the cellar and basement are below the house.

**2 bungalow:** This has only a single storey.  
**/ mansion:** This is larger and more impressive than a detached house or bungalow.

**3 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.

6  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 you 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.



**inscript**

*ely 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**
- 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



**2.04 Listen again. Complete the sentences with words**

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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 modern
- b did not cost a lot
- c is very dilapidated
- d has got wonderful views
- e is in a remote area

- 1 I live in a block of flats on the outskirts of Prague. The flat is quite small but it's very bright and airy.
- 2 We live in a terraced house in Boston. We've been living here for about a month now. It's a lovely house, quite 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 quite 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.
- 3 I live in a small house in the countryside. It's very quiet and peaceful. The views are fantastic and the house is very comfortable. It's a bit of a commute to work, but it's worth it.
- 4 I live in a modern apartment in the city. It's very convenient and has all the amenities you need. The views are great and the house is very bright and airy.

not a bad place to live, but I miss the excitement of city life.  
near the centre, but were still in the city.



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**Transcript**

2

**Transcript**

3

**Transcript**

4

**Transcript**

2.05

**SPEAKING**

Listen again. What types of home were described in exercise 9? 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 *any* in negative sentences and questions.
- 1a **some**   b **any**   2a **some**   b **much**   3 **many**   4 **any**
- We use *much* with uncountable nouns and *many* 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).



bungalow detached house farmhouse flat houseboat mansion  
semi-detached house terraced house thatched cottage villa  
mobile home 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 beautifully restored charming contemporary  
conveniently located cosy cramped dilapidated impressive  
peaceful popular/lively area remote spacious substantial tiny

1 Complete the types of home with *a, e, i, o* and *u*.

1 mansion *\_n*

2 farmhouse *\_*

3 villa *\_*

4 mobile home *\_*

5 flat

6 bungalow

7 houseboat *\_t*

8 terraced house

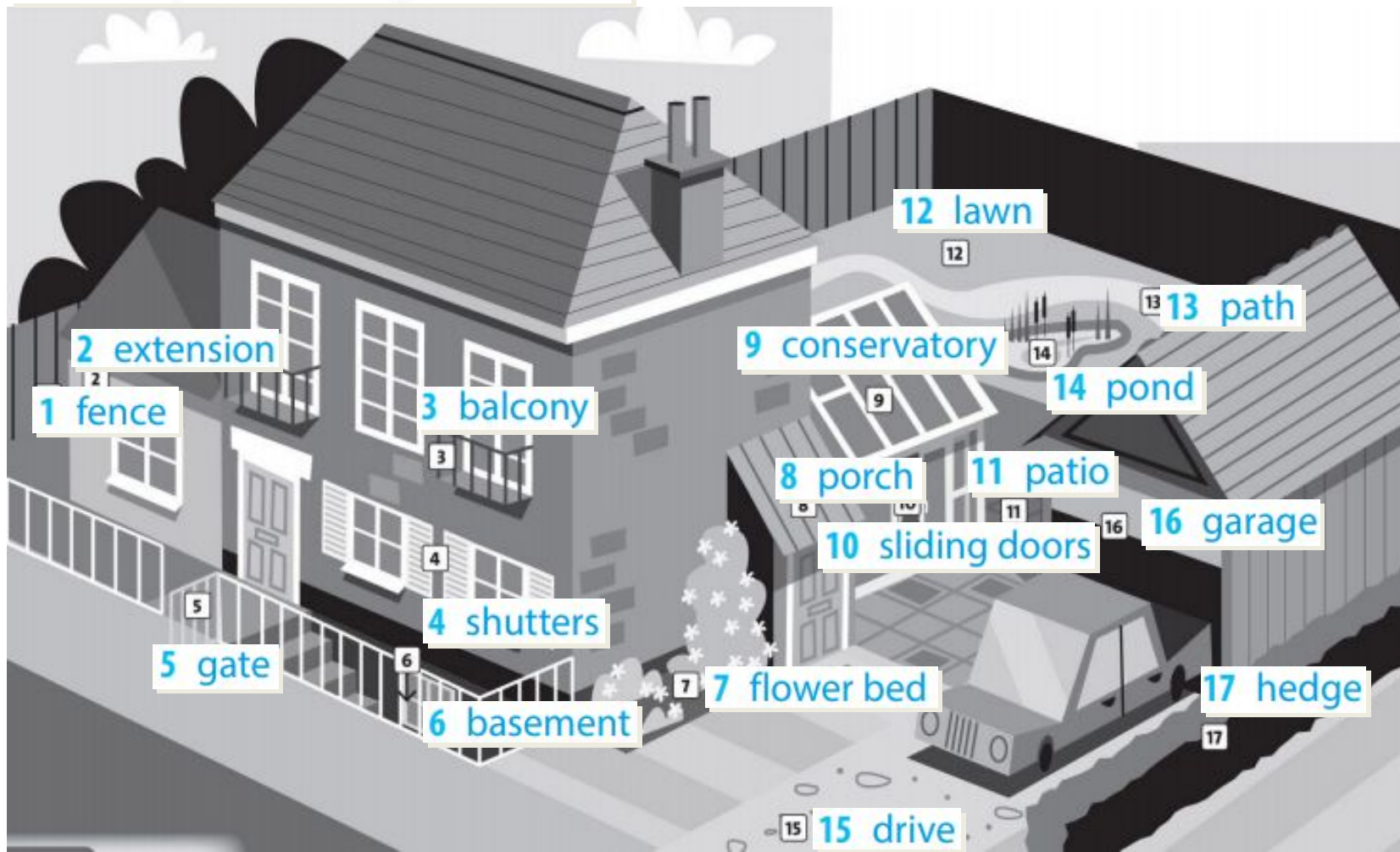
9 semi-detached house *s\_*

10 thatched cottage

11 detached house *\_*



Look at the picture and complete the labels.





**1.17** Listen to someone describing their ideal home. Complete the description with the missing words.

My ideal home is in the city. It's a <sup>1</sup> **contemporary** flat, in an <sup>2</sup> **impressive**, modern building in a <sup>3</sup> **lively area**. It's <sup>4</sup> **conveniently located** for shops, restaurants and cinemas. Inside, it isn't at all <sup>5</sup> **cramped**. In fact, it's very <sup>6</sup> **spacious**.



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

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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.