

A dream house

Language focus

- Vocabulary about the home
- Expressing contrasts
- Second conditional

1 Talk about the following.

- Where do you live?
- What is your home like?
- Describe your favourite room.



2 Types of homes

How do these four homes compare?
What's good about each of them?
What could make them more difficult to live in?

- A four-storey house
- A basement flat
- A studio flat
- A top-floor flat

Useful language

- **On the one hand**, top-floor flats have great views; **on the other**, they get very hot in the summer.
- Studio flats tend to be smaller but they aren't expensive to heat, **whereas** houses are.
- Basement flats are great for parties; **however**, they can get very cold in the winter.

3 Inside your home

In your ideal house, which of the following would you have and why?

- A study
- An attic
- A cellar
- A garden
- A garage
- A games room
- A walk-in wardrobe
- A sun deck

Useful language

- A study would be great for keeping all my books.
- An attic would be the perfect answer to my space problems.
- A sun deck would be cool for inviting friends.



4 My dream or my nightmare?

a) Which of the following would either attract you to a new home or put you off the idea entirely?

- If it was near a main road.
- If it was in a quiet residential area.
- If it had great views of the city.
- If it offered off-road parking.
- If it had a fully-fitted kitchen.
- If it had walk-in wardrobes.
- If my nearest neighbour was 50 kilometres away.



b) Now describe your dream or nightmare flat.

Useful language

- *I'd love to have views overlooking the city.*
- *I wouldn't particularly mind if it wasn't fully furnished, as I like choosing things myself.*
- *My nightmare flat would have leaks in all the ceilings, cockroaches in the kitchen and a neighbour who played the violin all day!*

5 Which home would you prefer?

- **A brand new flat overlooking a motorway or a shabby old flat overlooking a park.**
- **A new flat that was already fixed up or an old flat that you could renovate yourself.**
- **A spacious modern apartment or a cosy old cottage.**
- **A big old house that had no running water or that same house but with no gas or electricity.**



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