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Home and Accommodation



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Riddle

What runs all around your garden but never moves?

Answer

A fence

Some useful Links

35 different kinds of house (in USA) with **pictures!**

<https://www.homestratosphere.com/types-of-houses/>

A complete and **alphabetical list** of house types

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_house_types

Virtual tour of a luxury house

<https://youtu.be/VOWZoeGyR9M>

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<https://takeielts.net/the-path-to-success-in-the-ielts-test/>

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Part 1 QUESTIONS

What kind of accommodation do you live in?

Houses

A detached house

A town house - a duplex - a semi-detached (*usually two houses together*)

A terraced house (*one house connected to many others in the same row/street*)

A bungalow (*a house with only one level*)

Flats

Flat / apartment (*a living area within a bigger building*)

e.g. a two-bedroom flat

Note: flat and apartment are really the same, you can use either.

A block of flats (*a building that contains many flats*)

An apartment block (*a building that contains many apartments*)

A condominium (*a building that contains many apartments*)

A high-rise building

Often for students

Rented house

Student accommodation

Student digs

A studio / A bedsit (*a self-contained unit; everything in one room*)

Collocations

Remember to use collocations to add 'colour' to your language.

A **run-of-the-mill** house
= an ordinary house

A **cosy / noisy / cramped flat**

Cosy = small and comfortable

Cramped = too small and uncomfortable

A **three-storey** building

*Note: 'three-storey' is an adjective and so is singular.
You can spell this 'story' or 'storey'.*

I live **on the third floor**

a **spacious /comfy** flat

Spacious = plenty / lots of room

Comfy = comfortable

Parts of a house

Rooms

Kitchen
Living room
Dining room / area
Tea room
Bathroom
Lounge = living room
Entrance hall
Office (n.) / study (n.)
Bedroom
Bathroom

Furniture and Equipment

Kitchen island (*table in middle of kitchen for food preparation*)
Oven (*for baking and roasting*)
Fridge
Stove (*hot plates for cooking*)

Cupboards (*for pots, plates, cups...*)
Chest of Drawers (*for socks, underwear...*)
Wardrobe (*for clothes*)

Coffee table
Couch = sofa
Fireplace
Cabinet
Bookcase
Desk
Armchair

Bed

Bedside table
Carpet (*wall to wall*)
Rug
Tiled floor

Piano
Staircase

Sink
Shower
Bathtub
Mirror

Decoration

Paintings
Photos
Plants
Ornaments (*any kind of decoration*)

Table lamps
Floor lamps

Model plane
Desk calendar

Collocations

En-suite bathroom (*attached to the bedroom*)

The **master bedroom** (*the biggest one, usually for the parents*)

A **king size** bed (*the biggest size*)

Open plan kitchen

Spacious living room with a **modern look**

Colourful bedroom

An **elegant** bathroom

A bedroom full of **contrasting colours**

Fluffy cushions (on the sofa) and **pillows** (on the bed)

A **hand-woven** carpet (*made by hand*)

Fully-furnished house

A **well-lit** living room

A **flat-screen** television

A **state-of-the-art** TV

Artificial plants

A **wooden** table

Bob's your uncle! (G.B. Slang)

It kind of means, everything is good or it's easy to do. Often used at the end of a list of instructions to someone.

What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

What is the examiner looking for?

Use of tenses:

I am living in a coastal city

I have been living here for 2 years

We live on the sixth floor

It's quite a cosy place, but it is a little bit cramped

Before we moved here, I was living in Malaysia

We lived in a condominium

It was a 27 storey building

Comparisons:

Much bigger than where we are now

There was far more room

It was just way more spacious

It had a lot more mod cons (modern comforts) than what we have now