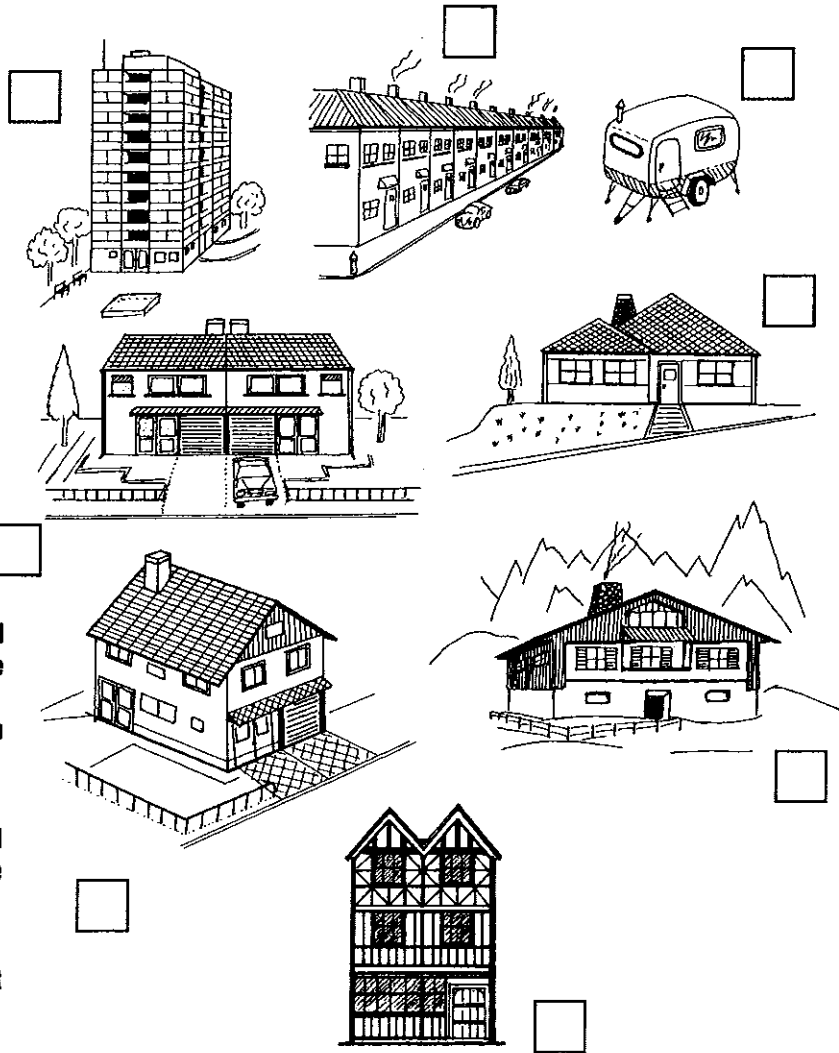


# TYPES OF DWELLINGS

**1** Match the following expressions to the pictures. Put a number in each box.

- 1 semi-detached house (GB)  
duplex/two-family house (US)
- 2 chalet
- 3 terraced house (GB)  
row house (US)
- 4 block of flats (GB)  
apartment building (US)
- 5 detached house (GB)  
(single-family) house (US)
- 6 bungalow (GB)  
ranch house (US)
- 7 caravan (GB)  
trailer (US)
- 8 half-timbered house  
Tudor-style house (GB)



**2** Where would you be most likely to find each of these houses? Can they all be found in your country? What kinds of people do you think live in each?

**3** Which type of house do you live in and what other type of house might you like living in?

**4** Describe the house of the future. What will be different? What will stay the same?

## Types of Dwellings


redbrick house (without plaster)  
housing estate  
council houses and flats (GB) / housing project (US) / public housing (US)  
condo(minium) (US)  
high-rise / towerblock / multi-storey building  
skyscraper  
town house  
country house  
mansion  
manor house  
castle  
chateau

stately home  
palace  
half-timbered house / Tudor-style house (GB)  
cottage  
summer cottage  
weekend cottage / "second home"  
log cabin  
grass hut  
igloo  
teepee  
mobile home  
a squat  
halls of residence (GB) / dorm(itory) (US)

flat (GB) / apartment (US)  
bachelor flat / bachelor pad  
bedsitter / bedsit  
studio  
basement flat  
**Positive qualities**  
comfortable  
cosy  
luxurious / exquisite  
pleasant  
roomy / spacious  
large  
tidy / spotless  
well-kept

attractive  
elegant  
magnificent  
newly built  
**Negative qualities**  
dilapidated  
haunted  
ramshackle  
hideous  
cramped  
shabby  
dingy  
poky  
leaky  
damp

**Activities**  
to move into  
to move out of  
to move house  
to rent (out)  
to lease  
to (re)decorate  
to furnish  
to renovate  
to refurbish  
to alter  
to pull down / demolish

**2**  Listen to the telephone conversation about a flat that is for rent and fill in the missing information in Peter's notes.

**3** Choose one of the advertisements on the preceding page and with a partner roleplay a similar phone conversation. You can take the part of Joe or Jamie. Your partner is the landlord/landlady.

**4** Complete the paragraphs on the right choosing some of the following comments.

It was very cramped.

It is nice and cosy.

It was so spacious you could get lost in it.

It had a kitchen corner.

I had to share the bathroom with the other tenants.

There was a large swimming pool and hot tub in the back.

The commute to work was too long.

The couches folded down into a double bed.

The living room doubled as my office, so it was rather messy.

It was in a bad part of town.

The walls were so thin you could hear everything your neighbours said.

It was right up the street from the university.

**5** What other advantages and disadvantages of each kind of house can you think of?

Ringmer Road, Brighton - 01273-946192

1 \_\_\_\_-bedroom flat in a 2 \_\_\_\_\_ house

3 \_\_\_\_\_ flats in the house, the 4 \_\_\_\_\_ lives in one of them.

*Special features:*

5 \_\_\_\_\_ floors

tall 6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_ in the garage – share with other tenants

8 \_\_\_\_\_ in the back that leads to a 9 \_\_\_\_\_

with a 10 \_\_\_\_\_.

They are looking for someone who is 11 \_\_\_\_\_

12 \_\_\_\_\_, 13 \_\_\_\_\_.

## THESE ARE THE FLATS OF OUR LIVES

When I was at university, I hardly had any money at all. I couldn't get a room in the halls of residence, so I had to live in a bedsitter. There were some nice things about it. For example, ...

But it also had its disadvantages.

When I graduated from university, I found a job as an accountant and started to earn decent money. My girlfriend and I moved into a flat in a housing estate. It was much nicer than my previous place.

But it still wasn't perfect. My girlfriend eventually broke up with me and moved out because she said...

My career went ahead very well, and soon I was a rich stockbroker. I got married, and when my wife became pregnant we decided to buy a house in the suburbs. It was very expensive and luxurious. ...

Having such a large place, however, presented some problems. For instance, ...

When I retired, we decided that we needed a change of pace, so we bought a nice mobile home, with a piece of land in the country where we could park it when we weren't travelling. It was perfect for our lifestyle.

Now I'm dead and I rest in a pine box, apparently. ...

# HOME – PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Read the following passage and fill in the missing words.

Largely depending on their means, people in Britain live in a diverse variety of 1 a \_\_\_\_\_ ranging from country 2 m \_\_\_\_\_ to single rooms or hostels in the inner cities. The majority, however, live in 3 h \_\_\_\_\_ and (to a lesser extent) flats, either as owner-occupiers or as 4 t \_\_\_\_\_ paying rent. About 19 per cent of houses are 5 d \_\_\_\_\_, 31 per cent are semi-6 d \_\_\_\_\_ and 29 per cent are 7 t \_\_\_\_\_. Owner-occupation increased substantially between 1971 and 1994. Most people buy their homes with a 8 m \_\_\_\_\_, with the 9 p \_\_\_\_\_ as security. 10 B \_\_\_\_\_ societies are the largest source of such loans, although banks and other financial institutions also take a significant share in the mortgage market.

Match the following expressions with the four nouns ACCOMMODATION (a), NEIGHBOURHOOD (b), LOAN (c) and INTEREST/MONEY (d) and translate the collocations.

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|----|---------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 11 | to hunt for         | 19 | to move into / out of a |
| 12 | to calculate        | 20 | bank                    |
| 13 | to pay back / off a | 21 | suitable                |
| 14 | ... rate            | 22 | to provide              |
| 15 | shortage of         | 23 | ... accumulates         |
| 16 | to grow up in a     | 24 | dangerous               |
| 17 | middle-class        | 25 | generous                |
| 18 | to take on / out a  | 26 | to live off the         |

Insert the following words into the sentences and try to interpret the metaphor; what are the equivalents in your own language?

**HOME CEMENTED BRICK WALL ROOF**

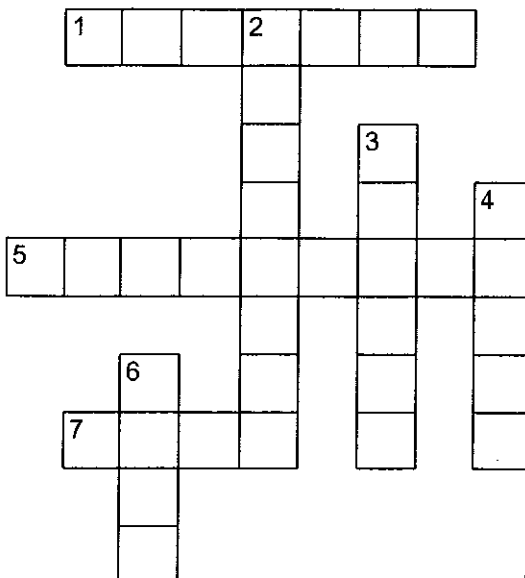
In recent years, her career has gone through the 27 \_\_\_\_\_.

In the process, he 28 \_\_\_\_\_ his control over the company.

It was like talking to a 29 \_\_\_\_\_: nobody paid attention to what I was saying.

There was a huge propaganda campaign to drive 30 \_\_\_\_\_ the message.

Try this crossword.



<b>Across</b>	<b>Down</b>
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- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>1. a large impressive house</p> <p>5. a room used for both living and sleeping in</p> <p>7. space directly under the roof of a house, used for storing things</p> | <p>2. a small window in a roof or ceiling</p> <p>3. a long metal or plastic channel fixed under the edge of a roof to carry away the water when it rains</p> <p>4. a private road or area between a house and the street for the use of vehicles</p> <p>6. a structure covering or forming the top of a building</p> |
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