

Daily Life - Building Your Dream Home (C0193)

- A: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson! Let's get straight to it. You have saved up your money for years and are now ready to build your dream home. What did you have in mind?
- B: A suburban bungalow straight out of the sixties! A perfect lawn with minimal landscaping. A brick patio in the backyard with an old-fashioned grill, quaint lawn furniture, and a swimming pool. A two-car carport, pastel siding and a gable roof. Completed with white shutters and a white picket fence !
- C: Uh, honey?
- B: In the living room we would have moss-green rugs and a fireplace with a stone mantle and wood paneling on the walls. In the kitchen, the cupboards would be a pale yellow and we would have a turquoise metal oven and vinyl flooring -
- C: Umm, sweetie, but I was thinking of a more modern style house. An open concept house, all glass, wood, metal, and concrete.

- B: But sweetums, there is always a lot of wasted space in those kinds of homes. Besides, it's just a fad. It doesn't have the homey feeling the old homes do.
- C: Sweetie-pie it's not a lot of wasted space. It is relaxing and the house would be eco-friendly with an in-floor heating system and designed to retain the heat of the sun in the winter and keep the house cool in the summer. We would have solar panels on the roof -
- B: Do you know how much those things cost?
- C: What about your vintage furniture, dearest? And instead of a lawn, which is also a lot of wasted space and would require environmentally harmful pesticides, we would have a fish pond in the backyard and a garden that would cover the whole yard so we could grow our own food!
- B: But buttercup, I thought you always said that you loved visiting your grandmother's house!
- C: And I thought you, Mr. Scientist, were all up on saving the planet with your technological advancements!

A: Umm well I am just going to go get some coffee while you two keep discussing.

Key Vocabulary

dream	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	something you really want to do
home	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	place where a person lives
suburban	<i>Adjective</i>		located or residing in a suburb
bungalow	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a house which is built on one level
the six-ties	<i>phrase</i>		the years from 1960 to 1969
minimal	<i>Adjective</i>		the smallest possible amount or size
landscaping	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a view across an area of land
patio	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	an area of the garden with a hard surface

quaint	<i>Adjective</i>		unusual or old-fashioned in an attractive
carport	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a place where you park your car
pastel	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a kind of dry colour in sticks
siding	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	material attached to the outside of a building
gable	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	the triangular upper part of a wall
roof	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	the top of a building
shutter	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	covers unfold in front of a window
mantle	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	the shelf above a fireplace
paneling	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	sheets of wood fit into a frame to form a wall

turquoise	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	a bluish-green, precious stone
vinyl	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	firm plastic which can be bend
sweetums	<i>common noun, singular</i>	used as a term of endearment
fad	<i>common noun, singular</i>	fashion
homey	<i>Adjective</i>	having a feeling of home;comfortable
sweentie-pie	<i>common noun, singular</i>	used as a term of endearment
eco-friendly	<i>Adjective</i>	not harmful to the environment
in-floor	<i>Adjective</i>	installed in the floor
heating	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	a system for keeping rooms warm
retain	<i>verb</i>	to keep or keep possession

solar	<i>Adjective</i>		relating to the sun, using its light
panel	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a flat section of a wall, door
vintage	<i>Adjective</i>		representative of the best and most typical
dearest	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	used as terms of endearment
pesticide	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a chemical substance used to kill insects
fish	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a creature living in water
pond	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a small body of water
buttercup	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a plant with small yellow flowers
technological	<i>Adjective</i>		based in scientific and industrial progress
advancements	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	improvement or development

picket fence	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a fence consisting of pickets
open concept	<i>Adjective</i>		a form or style of room
all up on	<i>phrase</i>		have all knowledge or information of some- thing

Supplementary Vocabulary

renovation	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	to restore to good con- dition; make new or as if new again
blueprint	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a print of architectural or technical drawings, drawn with white lines on a blue background; the layout or floorplan of a building
general contrac- tor	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a person who contracts for and assumes respon- sibility for completing a construction project and hires, supervises, and pays all subcon- tractors

interior
designer

*common noun,
singular*

a person who specializes in designing architectural interiors and their furnishings

landscape

*principle verb,
present simple*

to adorn or improve (a section of ground) by contouring and by planting flowers, shrubs, or trees