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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.

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



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



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



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



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picket common noun, a fence consisting of

fence singular pickets

open Adjective a form or style of room

concept

tor

all up on phrase have all knowledge or

information of some-

thing

Supplementary Vocabulary

renovation common noun, to restore to good con-

singular dition; make new or as

if new again

blueprint common noun, a print of architectural

singular or technical drawings,

drawn with white lines on a blue background; the layout or floorplan

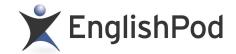
of a building

general common noun, a person who contracts

contrac- singular

for and assumes responsibility for completing a construction project and hires, supervises, and pays all subcon-

tractors



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interior designer common noun, singular

a person who specializes in designing archi-

tectural 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