

A Finding somewhere to live

Look at these notices on a university notice-board. Useful collocations are in bold.

Short-let¹ accommodation available near university. Rooms and studio flats². Tel: 899544.

Are you looking to move into a flat or house next term? The Harmer Agency has a wide range of suitable accommodation. Call us on 4446677.

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¹ can be rented for short periods of time

² small flats designed for one person

³ kitchen that is already equipped with modern cooker, washing machine, cupboards, etc.

B Describing your house/flat/room

In these e-mails people are describing their living accommodation.

Hi Mave,

Luke and I have just moved into our **dream home**. It's a big old **four-storey house**. It's got a **spacious living room** which has a wonderful **view of the park**, and a **cosy study** where we can both work. And there are some lovely **light, airy bedrooms** which **overlook the garden**.

There is a separate **basement flat**, which we might **turn into a granny flat** for my mother. And if we want to **add an extension**¹ there's room for that too. It needs to be **completely refurbished**, but Luke and I have always wanted to **do up**² an old house.

Come and visit.

Love, Julia

¹ we can also say **build an extension** = build an extra room or two onto an existing house

² repair, repaint and decorate (a house)

Hi Julia,

You're so lucky! I'd love to **move out of** my awful one-room flat. It's in such a **dilapidated building**. You go into a **draughty hall**, down a **chilly corridor** and into this really **cramped room**. I want to buy a **place of my own** but there's a shortage of **affordable housing** here and I don't want to **take out** a big **mortgage**. I'd love to see your house. I hope you'll **invite me to your house-warming party**.

Big hug,

Mave

C Collocations with home

She **left home** to go to university, but moving away from her family made her **feel homesick**.

Peter's back from a year abroad. His family are throwing a party to **welcome him home**.

(To a guest who's just arrived) Come in and **make yourself at home** while I finish getting dinner ready. [relax and make yourself comfortable]

I haven't lived in Oxford for long but I already **feel at home** there.

I'd like to buy a **second home** near the coast. [house used only for weekends, holidays, etc.]

Exercises

22.1 Answer these questions using collocations from A.

- 1 What kind of accommodation would suit a student who has no furniture of his own?
- 2 What kind of accommodation would suit someone who is only going to be in a place for three months?
- 3 What part of town would you want to live in if you wanted to be somewhere where there are lots of private houses and no factories or other work places?
- 4 What kind of accommodation would suit a young single person who would prefer to live alone rather than to share?
- 5 If accommodation doesn't have its own garage, what else might it have to make life easier for car-owning residents?
- 6 If you are moving into a new unfurnished house, but don't need to take a washing machine, cooker or fridge with you, what does the house have?

22.2 Look at B. Match the beginning of each sentence on the left with its ending on the right.

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| 1 We want to turn our garage into a | house-warming party. |
| 2 Jill has invited me to her | mortgage. |
| 3 Next week I have to move out of | my own. |
| 4 Karl makes a business out of doing up | granny flat. |
| 5 Our bedroom overlooks | my flat. |
| 6 Our house needs to be completely | the garden. |
| 7 I hope that one day I'll have a place of | old houses. |
| 8 The bank can help if you want to take out a | refurbished. |

22.3 Correct the collocation errors in these sentences.

- 1 We live on a busy road, but we're lucky because we have off-road park.
- 2 Gemma has moved off from her old flat and has now got a new place in Walville Street.
- 3 We're building an expansion to our house which will give us a bigger kitchen.
- 4 The flat is totally furnished, which is good because I have no furniture of my own.
- 5 She had to get out a big mortgage as the house was very expensive.
- 6 There is no buyable housing for young people in this area; prices are ridiculously high.
- 7 New people have entered into the house next door. I haven't met them yet.
- 8 It's a very spatial apartment with a huge living room and a big kitchen.
- 9 The flat is accessible to rent from the first of March onwards.
- 10 My brother and his wife live in a windy old cottage.

22.4 Replace the underlined words with collocations from the opposite page.

22.5 Complete these sentences using collocations from C opposite.

- 1 Jane's been away a whole year and now she's back. We should have a party to
- 2 Our son lives at home right now but he'll be 21 soon. He'll finish university and then he'll probably
- 3 I've lived here almost a year now and I'm really beginning to
- 4 I'll leave the keys to my flat with the neighbour. Just go in and
- 5 Jane thought she would miss her friends and family when she started her new job in Rome but she soon found she had no time to

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- 21.3** 1 Examples could be a wedding, the birth of a healthy child, a degree ceremony, a birthday or other celebration.
 2 a/the happy couple
 3 lasting happiness
 4 emotional **impact**
 5 I was worried sick

Follow up

The Cambridge University Press website dictionary search will show you *keep your temper, quick temper, be in a bad/foul temper*, then if you click again on *temper (BEHAVIOUR)*, you will find *have a real temper, even-tempered* and *bad-tempered*.

Unit 22

- 22.1** 1 fully-furnished accommodation 4 a studio flat
 2 short-let accommodation 5 off-road parking
 3 a residential area 6 a fully-fitted kitchen
- 22.2** 1 We want to turn our garage into a granny flat.
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- 22.4** Your dream home could be waiting for you at Highdale Cottages. All cottages have a view of the River Marn. Ideal for anyone seeking a **second home** in the area.
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- 22.5** 1 ... welcome her home. 4 ... make yourself at home.
 2 ... leave home / move out. 5 ... feel homesick.
 3 ... feel at home.

Unit 23

- 23.1** 1 set menu 4 ready meals
 2 food additives 5 fresh produce (**Fresh food** is also a possible collocation.)
 3 junk food
- 23.2** 1 Food additives 4 fresh produce
 2 Junk food 5 set menu
 3 ready meals