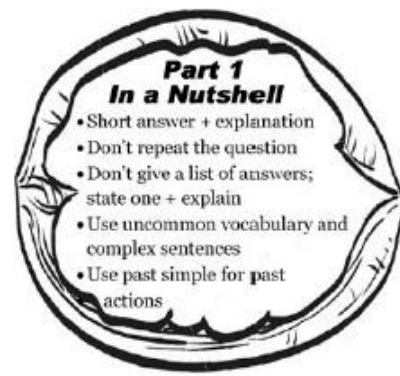


Houses & Apartments



Key Vocabulary

- ☐ **reside**/currently living
- ☐ located/situated in
- ☐ **inner city**/central location
- ☐ **suburbs/outskirts**
- ☐ **rent**<>**own**
- ☐ **born and raised** there/resided/lived there since I was
- ☐ two-bedroom **multi-storied house**/**single-storey house**
- ☐ two-bedroom **apartment complex**/**high-rise apartment**
- ☐ back garden/yard
- ☐ **balcony/veranda**
- ☐ nicely/simply **decorated**
- ☐ nice/simple **décor**
- ☐ **ostentatious**<>**modest**
- ☐ **homely** (comfortable)/cozy
- ☐ **spacious**<>**cramped**
- ☐ all the **mod cons** (modern appliances)
- ☐ **redecorated/renovated**
- ☐ **run down**/in disrepair
- ☐ **cold and draughty** (cold air from outside)
- ☐ **vicinity**/nearby

Vocabulary Builder

A. Match the words to a synonym, antonym, or idiom.

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. single storey house | reside |
| 2. ostentatious | spacious |
| 3. roomy | bought |
| 4. inner-city | run-down |
| 5. staying | washing machine |
| 6. homely | veranda |
| 7. own | simple |
| 8. balcony | suburbs |
| 9. redecorated | cozy |
| 10. mod cons | high-rise apartment |

B. Circle the odd word/s out.

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|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. live | born and raised | reside |
| 2. bought | rent | own |
| 3. apartment | multi-storied house | single-storey |
| 4. inner city | suburbs | commercial center |
| 5. noisy | limited space | good security |
| 6. all the mod cons | unique design | cold and draughty |
| 7. cramped | good facilities | power-cuts |
| 8. cut off from neighbours | panoramic views | close-knit community |
| 9. back garden | balcony | yard |
| 10. simple | luxurious | ostentatious |

C. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the **key vocabulary above**, circle the correct word in **bold**, and then answer the questions, using the structure provided but with information that is true for you.

1. Where do you live?

I'm currently _____ with my parents **in/on** a two _____
_____, which is located **in/on** the _____ **of/at** London.
(short answer + explanation)

2. How long have you lived there?

I've been there 21 years as I was _____ there, and also since my
father works in the _____.
(short answer + reason + explanation)

3. What do you like about your home?

While it's not **a/the** flashy or _____ place, it's nice and
_____. Also, the interior is not **too/to** cramped - it's actually quite
_____, with three _____, each having their own en-suite.
(contrast two answers + reason + explanation)

4. What do you like most about your home?

What I really love is the _____, which overlooks the
_____, which has **a/the** small vegetable garden.
(“What I particularly/especially/really/most enjoy” + reasons + examples)

5. If you could change anything about your home, what would it be?

Given the kitchen and bathroom are looking a bit run _____, showing
their age, it'd be nice if they could be _____.
(reason + short answer)

Additional Vocabulary

- isolated rural community
- detached house
- town-house
- condominium
- cottage
- single-story house
- old fashioned/tradition house
- unique design/architectural style
- garden/yard/vegetable garden
- sitting/living room
- en suite
- garage
- furnished-unfurnished

Apartments: Positives & Negatives

- noisy – hear neighbours
- limited space/cramped
- cut off from neighbours – less social
- can't make any structural changes
- + well-constructed
- + modern
- + all the mod cons (modern appliances)
- + good security
- + spacious/enormous
- + central
- + good facilities (swimming pool/tennis courts)
- + panoramic views
- + not cold and draughty like some old houses
- + not susceptible to power-cuts like houses