

a·part·ment S2 W3

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noun [countable]

- 1** HOME (*especially AmE*) a set of rooms on one floor of a large building, where someone lives

SYN flat (*BrE*):

She lives in a small apartment.

- 2** [usually plural] STAY/NOT LEAVE a room or set of rooms used by an important person such as a president:

*I had never been in the prince's private apartments before.
the presidential apartments*

COLLOCATIONSense 1

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + apartment

a one-bedroom/ two-bedroom etc apartment (*also* one-bedroomed/two-bedroomed apartment *BrE*) *A tiny one-bedroom apartment was all she could afford.*

a studio apartment (= with just one main room, which you use for sleeping, cooking, and eating) *Studio apartments can be a good option for those who want a cheap place in a good location.*

a first-floor/ second-floor etc apartment *We had a fourth-floor apartment, and it was difficult going up and down all those stairs.*

a basement apartment (= below the level of the ground) *a dark basement apartment*

a penthouse apartment (= on the top floor of a building) *She bought a penthouse apartment in Santa Monica.*

a luxury apartment *The school has been converted into luxury apartments.*

a furnished/ unfurnished apartment (= with or without

furniture) *a luxurious two-bedroomed unfurnished apartment situated in the heart of town*

a holiday apartment (**BrE**), a vacation apartment (**AmE**) *We rented a holiday apartment on Mallorca.*

verbs

live in an apartment *He lived in a small apartment on the third floor.*

buy/rent an apartment *Tom rented an apartment at the top of the building.*

share an apartment *I'm sharing the apartment with a group of friends.*

own an apartment *My parents own an apartment in Madrid.*

move into/out of an apartment (= start living in a new apartment, or leave an apartment in order to live somewhere else) *They moved into the apartment last Easter.*

NOUN + apartment

an apartment building (also an apartment block (**BrE**), apartment house **AmE**) *a five-storey apartment block | Our apartment building is the last block on the right, opposite the bank.*

an apartment complex (= a group of buildings containing apartments)

Word origin

Date: 1600–1700

Language: French

Origin: **appartement**, from Italian **appartamento**, from **appartare** 'to put aside, separate'