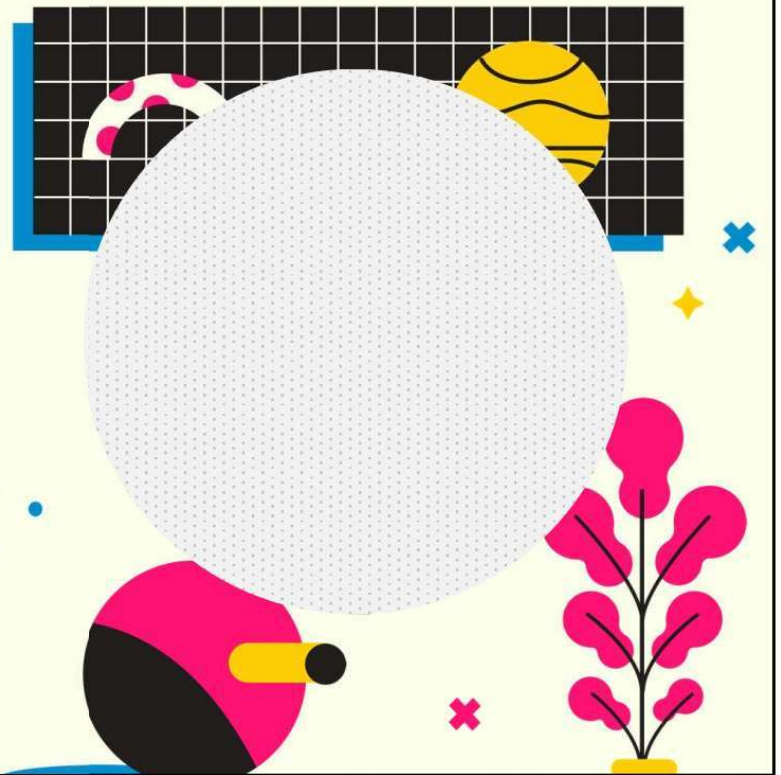


# SPEAKING

## UNIT 6: HOUSING FOR THE FUTURE

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# GRAMMAR FOR SPEAKING



## GRAMMAR FOR SPEAKING Conjunctions *and, but, or, so*

A clause has a subject and a verb. Many sentences have more than one clause.

*The apartment is clean.* (= one sentence and one clause)

*The apartment is clean, **and** it's not expensive.* (= one sentence and two clauses)

We can use conjunctions to join two clauses and connect two ideas. Use conjunctions to:

**Add information:** *The apartment is clean, **and** it's not expensive.*

**Contrast information:** *The kitchen is nice, **but** the living room is too small.*

**Offer a choice:** *We can live downtown, **or** we can live near the beach.*

**Give a result:** *We want to buy a house, **so** we need to save our money.*

When we speak, we often begin a reply with a conjunction.

A: *This house has a beautiful kitchen.*

B: **And** there's a garden in the back!

A: *This house is amazing!*

B: **But** it's expensive! We can't afford it.

**A** Choose the correct conjunction to connect the two clauses. Then say the sentences.

1. We love nature, so / but) we want to live near a park.
2. It's a beautiful apartment, (and / but) the rent is too high.
3. I can stay here another year, (so / or) I can move to a different apartment.
4. The living room is large, (so / but) the bedrooms are small.
5. We like the house, (or / and) the neighborhood is perfect.
6. My real estate agent never answers his phone, so / and) I'm looking for a new agent.

- B** Work with a partner and take turns. Use words from each column to make logical sentences about Ron. More than one answer is possible.


Clause	Conjunction	Clause
Ron loves music,		he goes out with friends.
He works downtown,	and	he takes a train to work.
He's an excellent cook,	but	he goes to concerts in the city.
He often goes hiking,	or	he travels to other countries a lot.
He has a car,	so	he lives in the country.
He works for an international company,		he often eats out at restaurants.
He sometimes stays at home,		he gardens on Saturday mornings.

> *Ron loves music, so he goes to concerts in the city.*

## PRONUNCIATION



## PRONUNCIATION Sentence Stress

 You often stress one or two words in a clause or sentence. You usually stress content words (words with the most meaning).

**Verb:** We **love** nature.

**Adjective:** It's a **beautiful** apartment.

**Noun:** The house also has a **garden**!

**More than one word:** The house has a **garden**, and it has a **swimming pool**!

Sometimes, you can also stress a conjunction to emphasize its meaning.

**Emphasize the contrast:** It's a beautiful apartment, **but** it's expensive.

**Emphasize the addition:** It has a beautiful kitchen, **and** there's a garden in the back!

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**E** Listen to these sentences and mark the stressed words. Then listen again and repeat. 

1. This pizza is delicious!
2. The apartment is in the city center.
3. He loves music, and he goes to concerts.
4. I like the jacket, but it's expensive.
5. You can live here, or you can live there.
6. A: The bedrooms are comfortable.  
B: And they both have TVs.

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# SPEAKING SKILL

## SPEAKING SKILL Ask for and Give Opinions

When we discuss ideas, we often:

Ask for others' opinions	Give an opinion	Agree	Disagree
<i>What do you think about...?</i>	<i>I think that...</i>	<i>I agree that...</i>	<i>I disagree that...</i>
<i>What's your opinion?</i>	<i>In my opinion, it...</i>	<i>I agree with you.</i>	<i>I don't agree with you.</i>
<i>Do you agree?</i>		<i>Absolutely.</i>	<i>Yes, but...</i>
		<i>That's true.</i>	

When we disagree, we can use expressions to be more polite.

*I'm afraid I don't agree.*

*I'm sorry, but I disagree because...*

*I see what you mean, but...*

**A** Cover the Speaking Skill box. Correct the common mistakes in each expression. Then practice saying the expressions correctly.

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| 1. <del>How</del> <sup>What</sup> do you think about this idea? | 5. I <del>am</del> agree with you.   |
| 2. <del>What</del> <sup>What's</sup> your opinion?              | 6. I'm afraid, <del>but</del> I don't agree.                               |
| 3. <del>Are</del> <sup>Do</sup> you agree?                      | 7. <del>I'm</del> <sup>I'm</sup> sorry, but I disagree.                    |
| 4. In my opinion, <del>is</del> <sup>it's</sup> a good idea.    | 8. I see what <del>it means</del> <sup>you mean</sup> , but I don't agree. |

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**B** Match each question or comment to the correct response. Then practice with a partner.

**Question or comment**

- What do you think about our city? b
- I think that we need a new shopping mall. What's your opinion? e
- In my opinion, we should have more bike paths. a
- I don't agree that our city needs more houses. The population is too high already. c
- We need better public transportation with more buses. d

**Response**

- I agree with you. They're a good way to get around, and riding a bike is good exercise.
- I think that it's a great place to live. There's so much to do.
- I see what you mean, but people have to live somewhere.
- Absolutely! And the price is too high.
- In my opinion, we don't need more shops because people are shopping online these days.

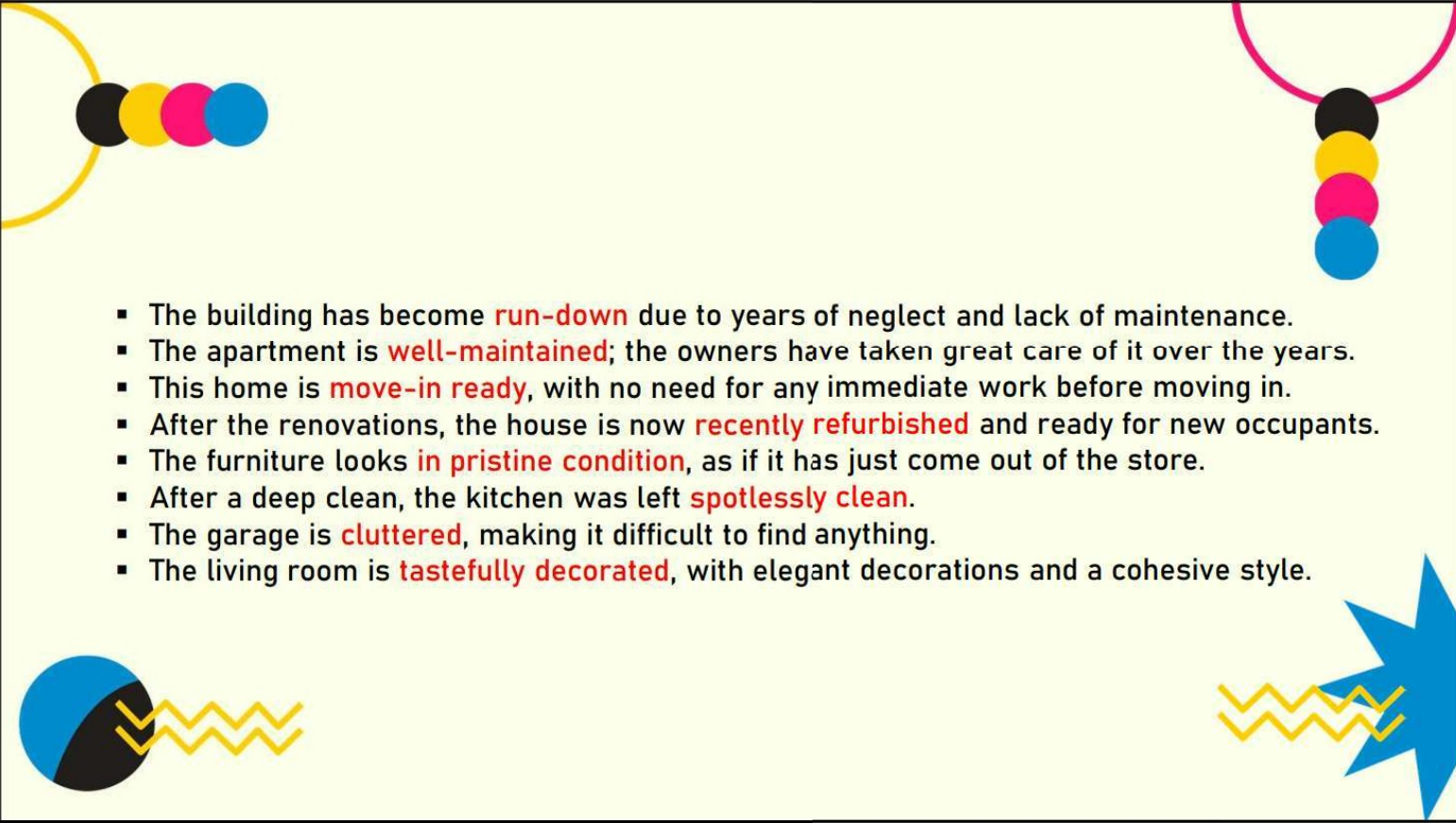
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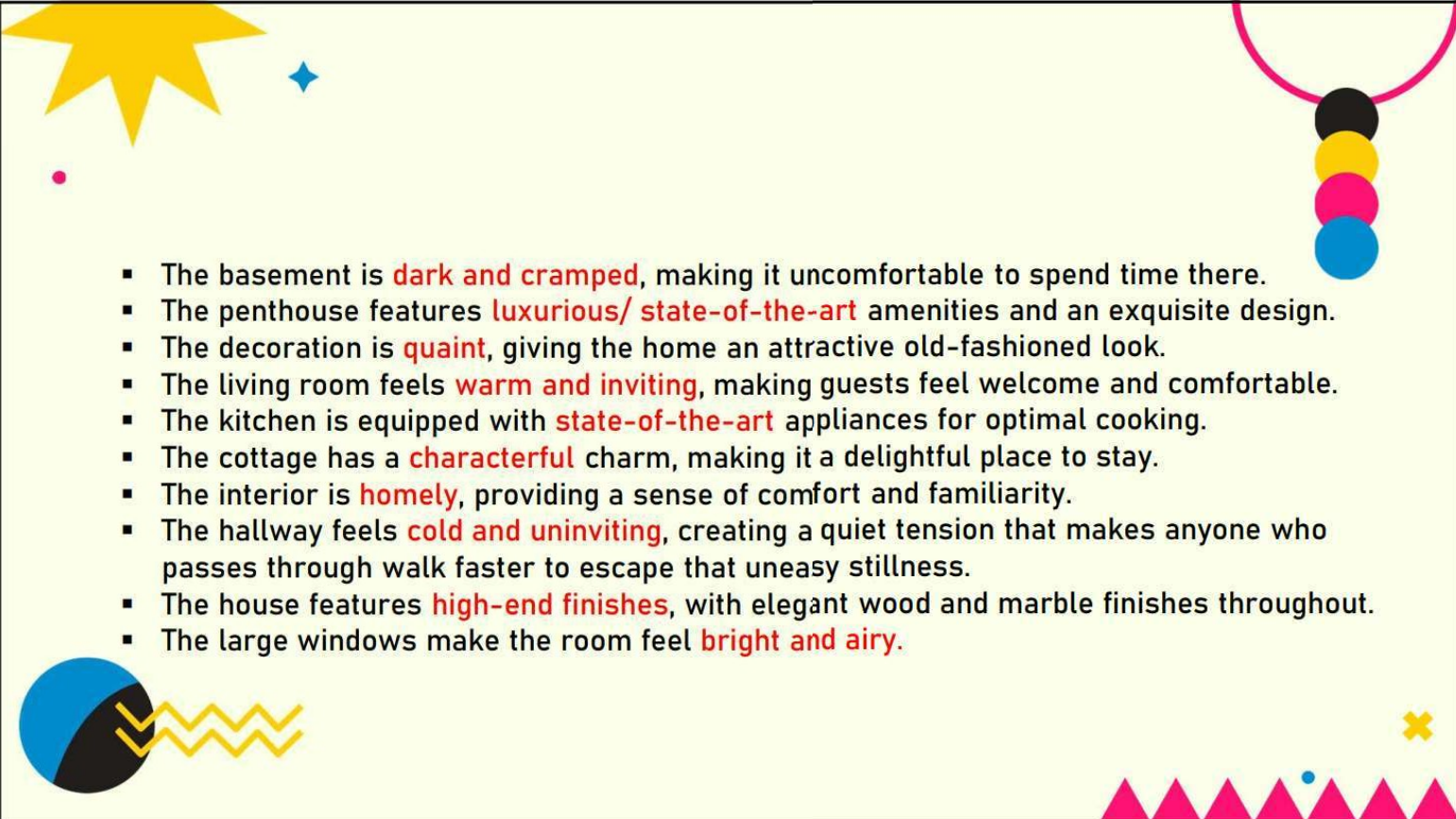


Possible answers:

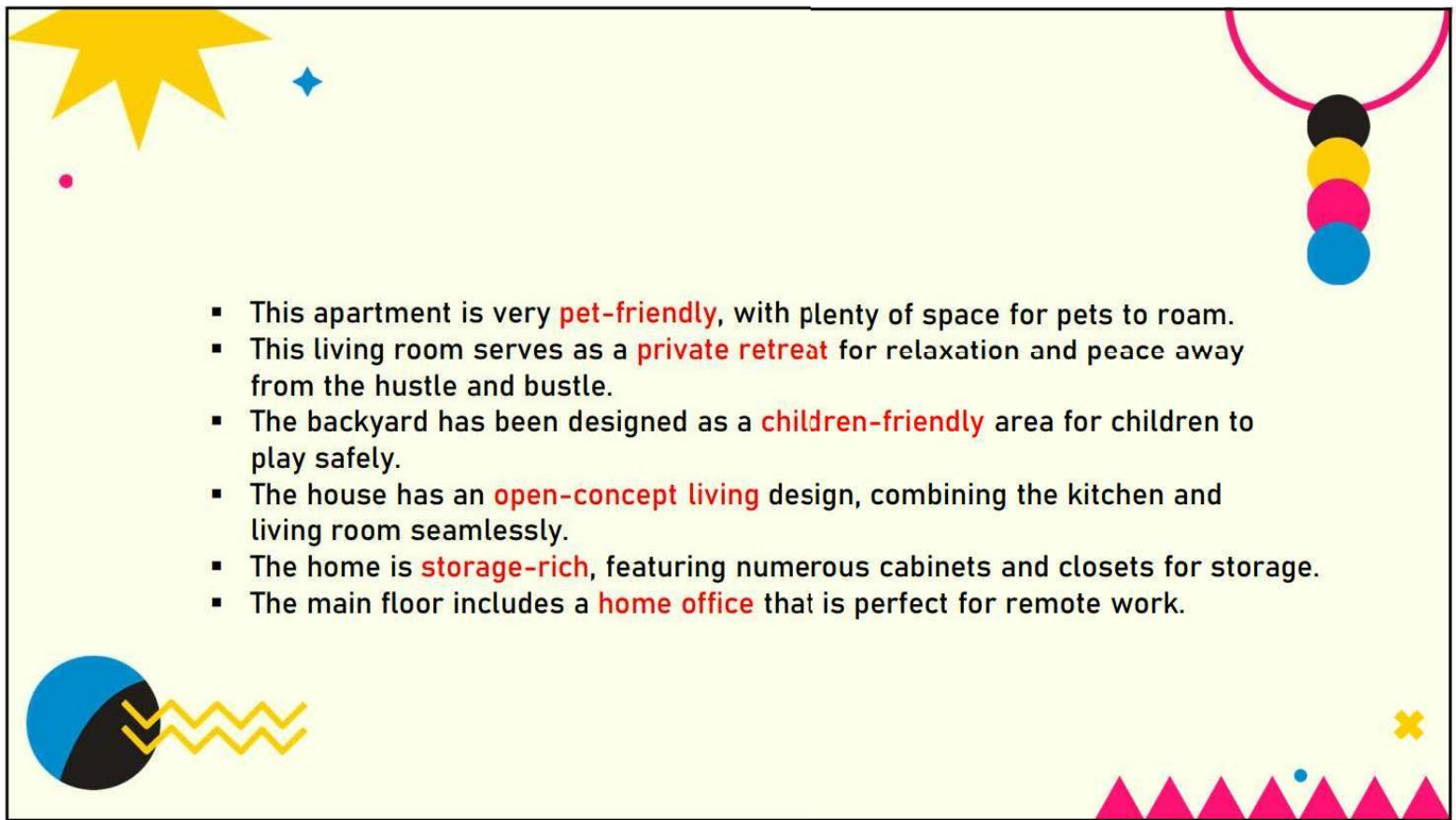
Description	Positive	Negative
<b>Option 1:</b> This clean, modern two-bedroom apartment is downtown and close to the university, so it's perfect for students. It's on the third floor, and there is a resident manager.	<i>close to the university = don't need a car has a resident manager = safer</i>	<i>has a resident manager = lots of rules</i>
<b>Option 2:</b> This beautiful, traditional house is a comfortable place for a family or group of professional people. It's in a quiet area near schools and parks.	<i>comfortable house = place to relax near school and parks = good for kids</i>	<i>a quiet area = boring at night</i>
<b>Option 3:</b> This large luxury house has a swimming pool, five bedrooms, and six bathrooms. It's close to the beach and far from the noisy city center.	<i>swimming pool = good for exercise lots of bedrooms = friends can stay</i>	<i>far from the center = long distance to travel</i>

## SPEAKING PRACTICE: HOUSING

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- The building has become **run-down** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
  - The apartment is **well-maintained**; the owners have taken great care of it over the years.
  - This home is **move-in ready**, with no need for any immediate work before moving in.
  - After the renovations, the house is now **recently refurbished** and ready for new occupants.
  - The furniture looks **in pristine condition**, as if it has just come out of the store.
  - After a deep clean, the kitchen was left **spotlessly clean**.
  - The garage is **cluttered**, making it difficult to find anything.
  - The living room is **tastefully decorated**, with elegant decorations and a cohesive style.

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- The basement is **dark and cramped**, making it uncomfortable to spend time there.
  - The penthouse features **luxurious/ state-of-the-art** amenities and an exquisite design.
  - The decoration is **quaint**, giving the home an attractive old-fashioned look.
  - The living room feels **warm and inviting**, making guests feel welcome and comfortable.
  - The kitchen is equipped with **state-of-the-art** appliances for optimal cooking.
  - The cottage has a **characterful** charm, making it a delightful place to stay.
  - The interior is **homely**, providing a sense of comfort and familiarity.
  - The hallway feels **cold and uninviting**, creating a quiet tension that makes anyone who passes through walk faster to escape that uneasy stillness.
  - The house features **high-end finishes**, with elegant wood and marble finishes throughout.
  - The large windows make the room feel **bright and airy**.





- This apartment is very **pet-friendly**, with plenty of space for pets to roam.
- This living room serves as a **private retreat** for relaxation and peace away from the hustle and bustle.
- The backyard has been designed as a **children-friendly** area for children to play safely.
- The house has an **open-concept living** design, combining the kitchen and living room seamlessly.
- The home is **storage-rich**, featuring numerous cabinets and closets for storage.
- The main floor includes a **home office** that is perfect for remote work.

## **Describe a house you would like to live in**

You should say:

- Where it would be
- What it would look like
- What rooms or features it would have

And explain why you would like to live in this house