

## TYPES OF HOUSES AND FLATS

**basement flat** /'beismənt flæt/

**bedsit** /bed'sɪt/

**bungalow** /'bʌŋɡələʊ/

**chalet** /'ʃæleɪ/

**converted loft** /kən'veɪtɪd 'lɒft/

**cottage** /'kɒtɪdʒ/

**country house** /,kʌntri 'haʊs/

**detached house** /dɪ'tætʃt 'haʊs/

**farmhouse** /'fɑ:mhaʊs/

**holiday home** /'hɒlədi həʊm/

**mansion** /'mænfən/

**manor** /'mænə/

**penthouse** /'penthaʊs/

**pre-war building** /pri: 'wɔ: 'bɪldɪŋ/

**semi-detached house** /,semi dɪ'tætʃt 'haʊs/

**skyscraper** /'skaɪ,skreɪpə/

**stately home** /,steɪtli 'həʊm/

**studio flat** /'stju:diəʊ flæt/

**terraced house** /,terəst 'haʊs/

**two-storey building** /tu: 'stɔ:ri 'bɪldɪŋ/

**townhouse** /'taʊnhaʊs/

**apartment** /ə'pɑ:tmənt/

**block of flats** /blɒk əv flæts/

**high rise** /haɪ raɪz/

**residential building**

/rezi'denʃəl 'bɪldɪŋ/

**tower block** /'taʊə blɒk/

## LOCATION

**area** /'eəriə/

**capital city** /'kæpətl 'sɪti/

**conveniently located**

/kən'veɪniəntli ləʊ'keɪtəd/

**countryside** /'kʌntrisaɪd/

**district** /'dɪstrɪkt/

**home town** /'həʊmtaʊn/

**in the country** /ɪn ðə 'kʌntri/

**inhabitant** /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/

**neighbourhood** /'neɪbəhʊd/

**next-door neighbour**

/nekst 'dɔ: 'neɪbə/

**old town** /əʊld taʊn/

**resident** /'rezɪdənt/

**resort** /rɪ'zɔ:t/

**rural** /'ruərəl/

**slums** /slʌmz/

**suburb** /'sʌbɜ:b/

**tourist town** /'tʊərɪst taʊn/

**town** /taʊn/

**urban** /'ɜ:bən/

**view** /vju:/

**village** /'vɪlɪdʒ/

**city dwellers**

**cost of living**

**downtown (n)** /,daʊn'taʊn/

**downtown (adj)**

**downtown (adv)**

**housing estate**

**isolated**

**outskirts** /'aʊtsks:tsl/

**pedestrian**

## PARTS OF A HOUSE

attic /'ætɪk/  
back door /bæk dɔː/  
back garden /bæk 'gɑːdn/  
balcony /'bælkəni/  
basement /'beɪsmənt/  
cellar /'selə/  
downstairs /daʊn'steəz/  
drive /draɪv/  
fence /fens/  
floor /flɔː/  
front door /frʌnt dɔː/  
front garden /frʌnt 'gɑːdn/  
garage /'gærɪdʒ/  
lawn /lɔːn/  
letterbox /'letəbɒks/  
loft /lɒft/  
roof /ruːf/  
staircase /'steəkeɪs/  
stairs /steəz/  
upstairs /ʌp'steəz/  
window /'wɪndəʊ/

## OUTSIDE THE HOUSE

conservatory /kən'sɜːvətəri/  
double garage /ˌdʌbəl 'gærɪdʒ/  
driveway /'draɪvweɪ/  
façade /fə'sɑːd/  
garden chairs /'gɑːdn 'tʃeəz/  
gravel /'grævəl/  
hedge /hedʒ/  
lawn /lɔːn/  
letter box /'letə bɒks/  
patio furniture /ˌpætiəʊ 'fɜːnɪʃə/  
plot of land /plɒt əv 'lænd/  
porch /pɔːtʃ/  
roof tiles /'ruːf taɪlz/  
sprinkler /'sprɪŋklə/  
streetlamp /'striːtlæmp/  
railing /'reɪlɪŋ/  
shutters /'ʃʌtəz/  
skylight /'skaɪlaɪt/

## ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE INTERIORS

airy/spacious /'eəri, 'speɪʃəs/  
bare /beə/  
cluttered /'klʌtəd/  
cosy /'kəʊzi/  
décor /'deɪkɔː/  
designed by /dɪ'zaɪnd baɪ/  
dilapidated /dɪ'læpədəɪtəd/  
dingy /'dɪŋdʒi/  
draughty /'draʊfti/  
impressive /ɪm'presɪv/  
minimalist /'mɪnɪməlɪst/  
neat and tidy /niːt ən 'taɪdi/  
quaint /kweɪnt/  
shabby /'ʃæbi/  
soundproof /'saʊndpruːf/  
sparsely decorated/furnished /ˌspɑːsli 'dekəreɪtəd, 'fɜːnɪʃt/  
stylish /'staɪlɪʃ/  
texture /'tekstʃə/  
ultra-modern /ˌʌltrə 'mɒdn/  
(un)furnished /(ʌn)'fɜːnɪʃt/

bright /braɪt/  
cosy /'kəʊzi/  
fitted kitchen /'fɪtɪd 'kɪtʃɪn/  
furnished /'fɜːnɪʃt/  
in bad condition /ɪn bæd  
kən'dɪʃən/  
in good condition /ɪn gʊd  
kən'dɪʃən/  
modern /'mɒdn/  
recently renovated /'riːsəntli  
'renəveɪtəd/  
roomy /'ruːmi/  
spacious /speɪʃəs/  
tiny /'taɪni/  
unfurnished /ʌn'fɜːnɪʃt/



## RENTING A FLAT

**accommodation**

/əkɒmə'deɪʃn/

**electricity bill** /ɪlek'trɪsəti bɪl/

**estate agent** /ɪsteɪt eɪdʒənt/

**flatmate** /'flætmeɪt/

**for sale** /fə seɪl/

**landlady** /'lændleɪdi/

**landlord** /'lændlɔːd/

**let a flat** /let ə flæt/

**p.m. (per month)** /pə mʌnθ/

**p.w. (per week)** /pə wiːk/

**pay in advance** /peɪ ɪn  
əd'vɑːns/

**pay the bills** /peɪ ðə bɪlz/

**pay the rent** /peɪ ðə rent/

**rent a flat** /rent ə flæt/

**roommate** /'ruːmmeɪt/

**telephone bill** /teləfəʊn bɪl/

**to let** /tə let/

## HOUSEWORK

**clean the bathroom** /kliːn ðə  
bɑːθrʊm/

**clean the windows** /kliːn ðə  
wɪndəʊz/

**clear up the mess** /klɪə ʌp ðə  
mes/

**do the cooking** /duː ðə kʊkɪŋ/

**do the housework** /duː ðə  
haʊswɜːk/

**do the ironing** /duː ðə aɪəniŋ/

**do the washing-up** /duː ðə  
wɒʃɪŋ ʌp/

**vacuum the floor** /'vækjuəm  
ðə flɔː/

## USEFUL PHRASES

**be at home** /bi ət həʊm/

**be in** /bi ɪn/

**commute** /kə'mjuːt/

**feel homesick** /fiːl həʊmsɪk/

**get home** /get həʊm/

**go home** /gəʊ həʊm/

**leave the house** /liːv ðə haʊs/

**lock the door** /lɒk ðə dɔː/

**move house** /muːv haʊs/

**move in** /muːv ɪn/

**move out** /muːv aʊt/

**share a flat** /ʃeə ə flæt/

**share a room** /ʃeə ə ruːm/

**stay in** /steɪ ɪn/

**stay out** /steɪ aʊt/