

The business of houses

VOCABULARY

LEVEL
Intermediate

NUMBER
EN_BE_2444V

LANGUAGE
English



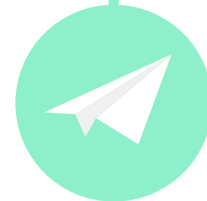


Goals

- Can identify and describe different types of houses to buy.
- Can talk in simple terms about the construction and renovation of a house.



We just bought **a cottage**, but it needs some work. We want to **remove a wall** and **paint the rooms**. This will make it our dream house.





Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will learn words and phrases to talk about the business of houses.



Construction finishes next month!



Vocabulary review

property

budget

listing

estate agent

vendor

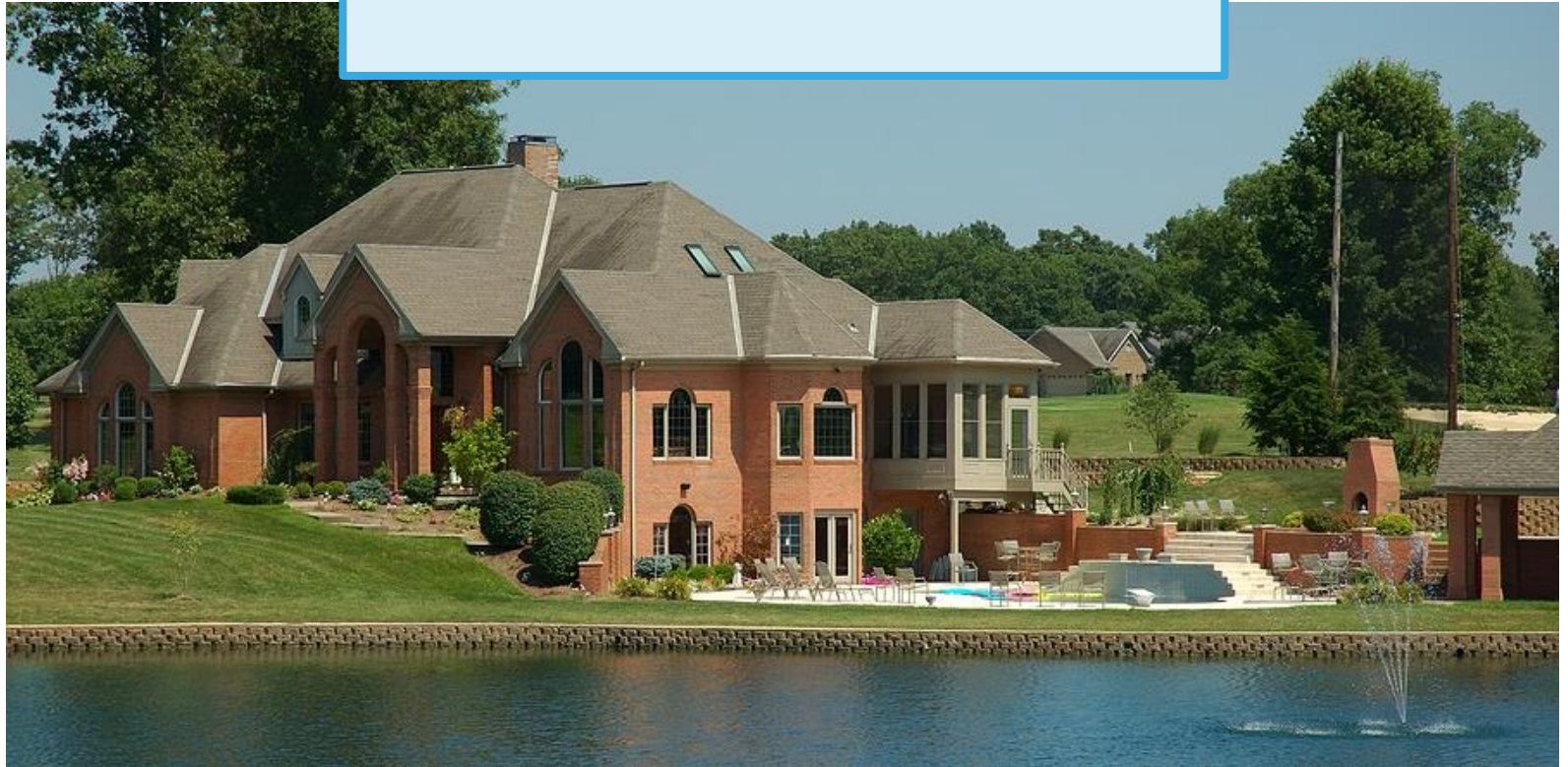
buyer

on the market

deposit

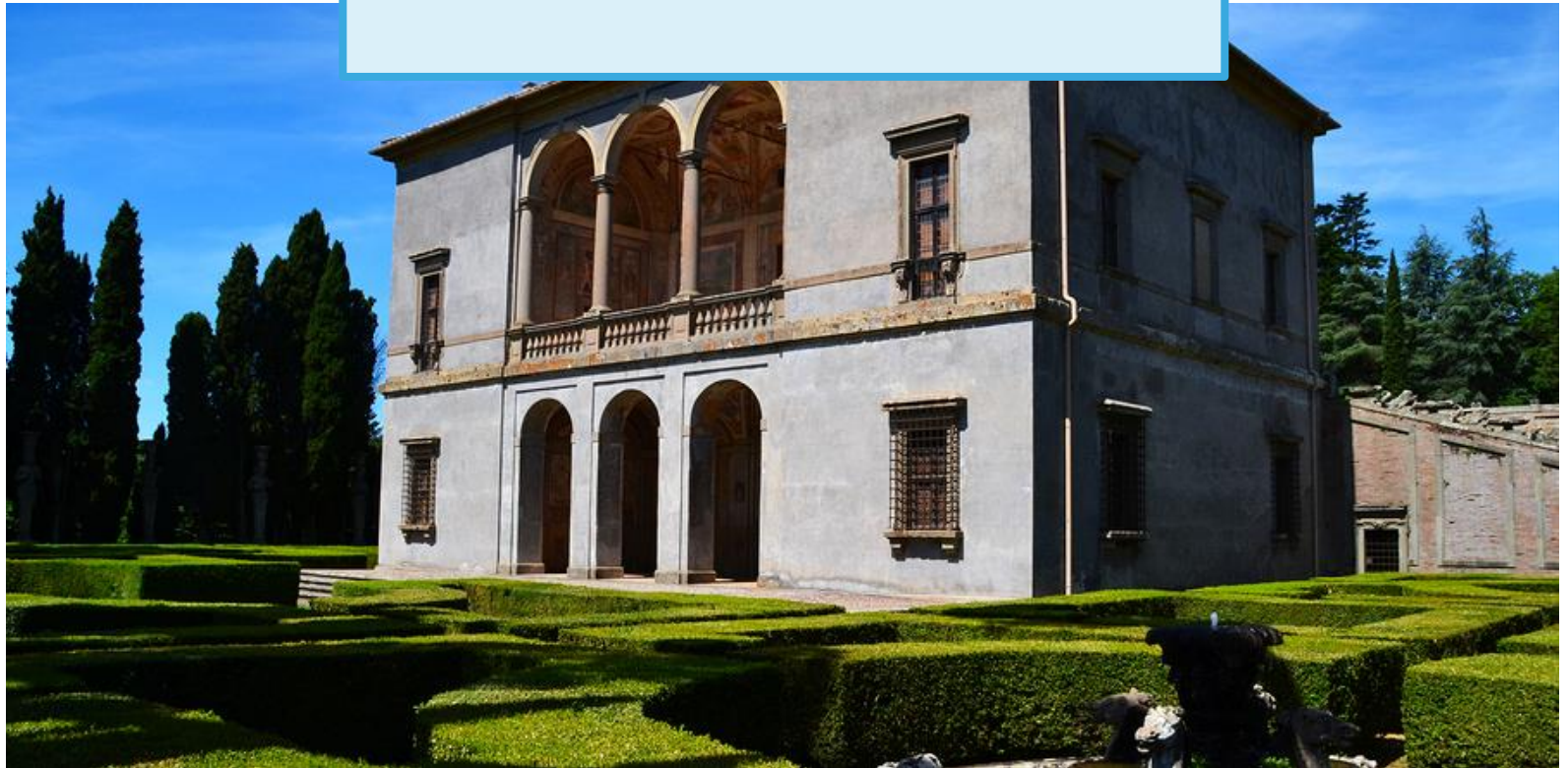


mansion



They own a **mansion** on the water.

villa



My uncle has a **villa** in France.

farmhouse



Staying at the **farmhouse** gives us a nice break from the city.



New words

cottage

A **cottage** is a small, detached home.
It has an older, traditional style.



bungalow

A **bungalow** is a small detached home. It is usually one floor and has a wide porch.





New words

detached

A **detached** home stands alone on a separate lot.



semi-detached

A **semi-detached** home shares a wall with the house next to it.



terraced

A **terraced** house shares both walls.





Matching

1. cottage

2. bungalow

3. villa

4. detached

5. semi-detached

6. terraced

7. farmhouse

8. mansion





Identify the house

What kind of property is being described?

1. This home shares both walls with the houses next to it.
2. This is a very, very big house.
3. This small house often has a big porch.
4. This house may have cows or horses walking around nearby.
5. This small, old-style house is nice for a quiet vacation.



Categorise

**Read the items. Put each item as more expensive or less expensive.
Explain your answer.**

mansion

cottage

terraced

semi-detached

bungalow

villa

detached

farmhouse

More expensive

Less expensive



Share it

**What kind of
home do you live
in now?**



**What is your
dream home
like?**





Big numbers

Number	Name
13-19	teen
10	ten
100	hundred
1000	thousand
10,000	ten thousand
100,000	hundred thousand
1,000,000	million
1,000,000,000	billion



Big numbers

Practise saying these numbers out loud with your teacher.

11,672

138,904

1,647,500

1,712,905,671



Look at the following lists

You are an estate agent.

You have a client who wants to buy a vacation home in the UK.

For each listing, tell your client:

- the price
- the style
- something interesting about it



£1,320,000



£254,400



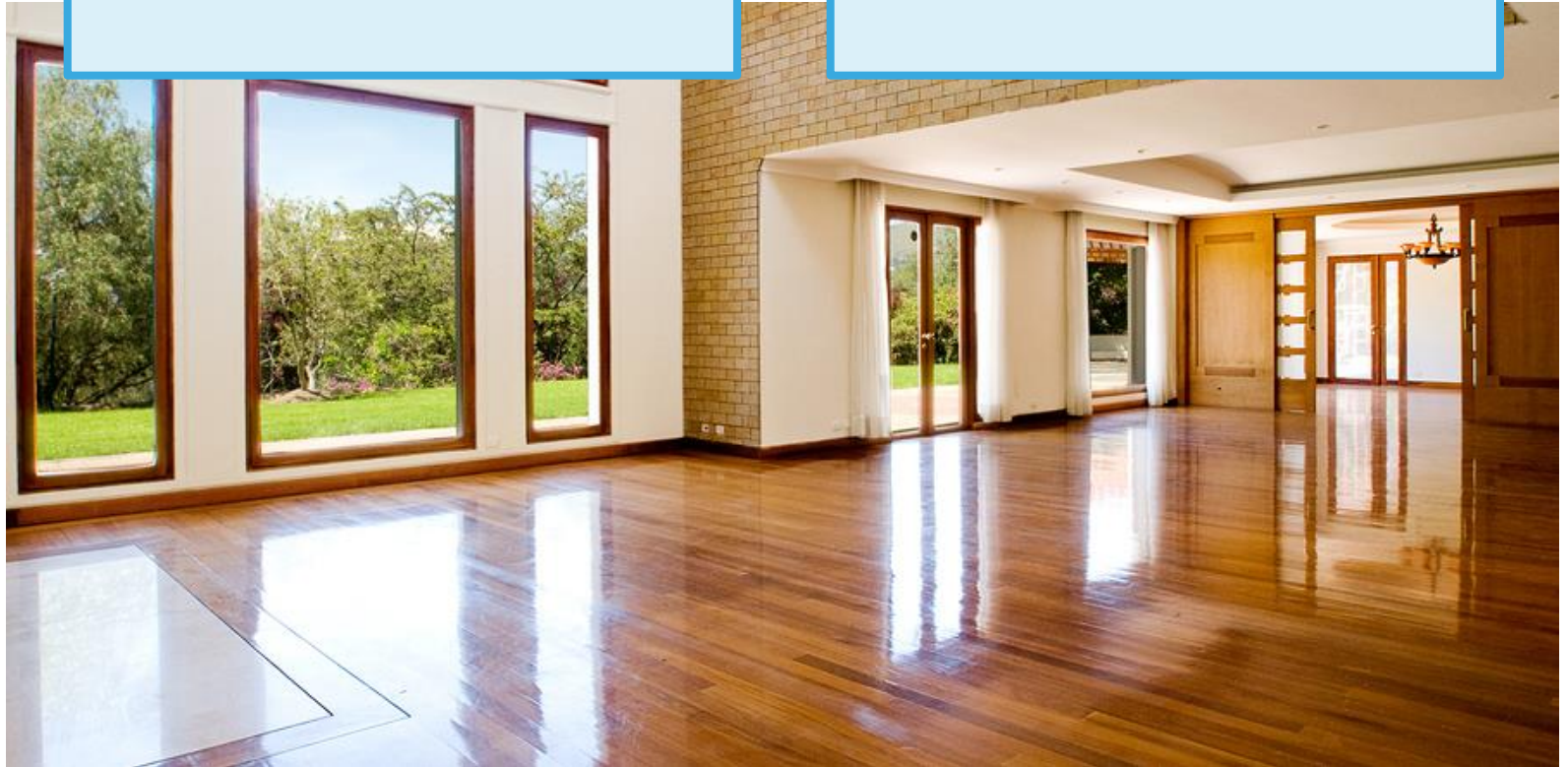
£2,750,000



£197,500

made of

materials



A home is **made of** many different **materials**.



New words

cement

Cement is a material used to put things together.

stone

Stone is a material made of rock.

brick

A **brick** is a building block made of clay.

wood

Wood is material that comes from trees.



New words in context



Cement is used in most construction.

This street has many **stone** buildings.



Our school is built of red **brick**.

Wood floors can be expensive.





What materials do you see?

A



B



C



D





Materials

**What is something
made of wood?**

**What is something
made of cement?**

**What is
something
made of stone?**

**What is something
made of brick?**



New words

construction

Construction is making something by building.



foundation

The **foundation** is the lowest part of a building, below the ground floor.





New words

to remove a
wall

When you **remove a wall**, you take it away.

to add an
extension

When you **add an extension**, you build another part.

to paint a room

When you **paint a room**, you add colour to the walls.

to convert a
loft

When you **convert a loft**, you change empty attic space into a room.

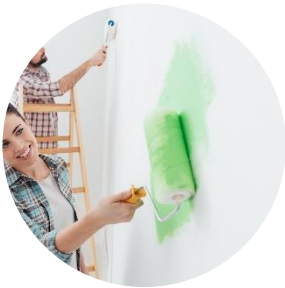


New words in context



You can **remove a wall** to make a larger room.

If you **add an extension** on your house, you need a permit.



They plan to **paint the room** green.

You should **convert the loft** for more space.





Complete the sentences

materials

paint the room

made of

construction

cement

wood

add an extension

convert the loft

1. Another word for *building* is _____.

2. Wood and stone are different kinds of _____.

3. The sidewalk is usually made of _____.

4. If you don't like the colour, you can _____.

5. _____ is a natural material from trees.

6. You should _____ to make another room on the third floor.

7. If you _____, your house will be much larger.

8. A house is _____ different materials, like brick, or cement.



Categorise

Read the items. Put each item as taking *more time* or *less time*.
Explain your answer.

sell a house

paint a room

convert a loft

remove a wall

add an extension

sign a mortgage

look at a listing

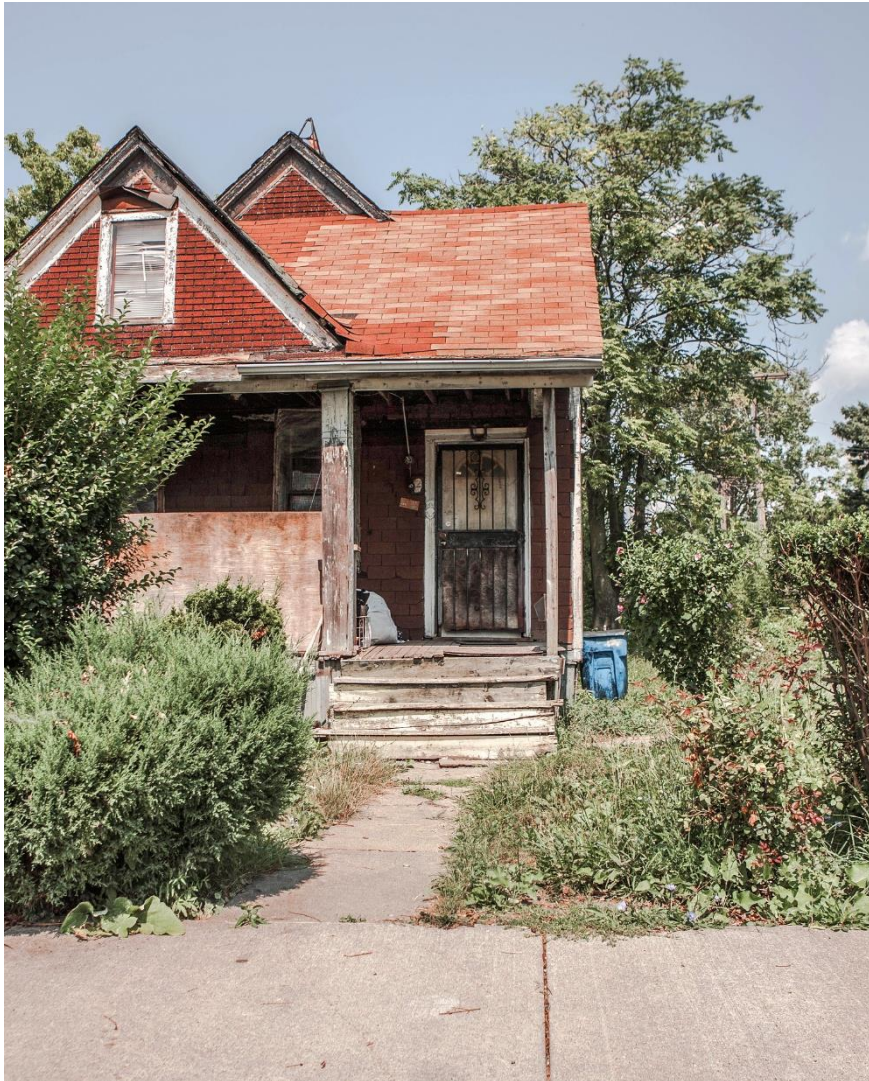
mix cement

More time

Less time



Make it market ready



You are a developer.

The house you bought needs some work.

1. Describe the type of house it is.
2. Tell us what you will do to make it nicer.
3. Choose a price.
4. Try to sell it to your teacher or classmate.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p.12

1. Terraced
2. Mansion
3. Bungalow
4. Farmhouse
5. Cottage

Exercise 2, p.26

1. Construction
2. Materials
3. Cement
4. Paint the room
5. Wood
6. Convert the loft
7. Add an extension
8. Made of





Fill in the gaps homework

1. _____ is used to hold things together.
2. The _____ of a building must be strong. The weight of the house sits upon it.
3. When _____ finishes, you can pay the builder.
4. Some _____ are wood and stone.
5. You need a permit to _____.
6. Many red buildings are not painted red but made of many red _____.
7. A family is _____ different people.
8. Some people do not like _____ houses because they can catch fire quickly.

foundation

materials

wood

cement

bricks

made of

estate agent

construction

**add an
extension**



Writing homework

You just moved into your dream home. Write a postcard to a friend describing the home. What style is it? How much did it cost? Did you do any work on it?





Homework answer key

1. cement
2. foundation
3. construction
4. materials
5. add an extension
6. bricks
7. made of
8. wood



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