A conversation about the housing market

SPEAKING

LEVEL Intermediate

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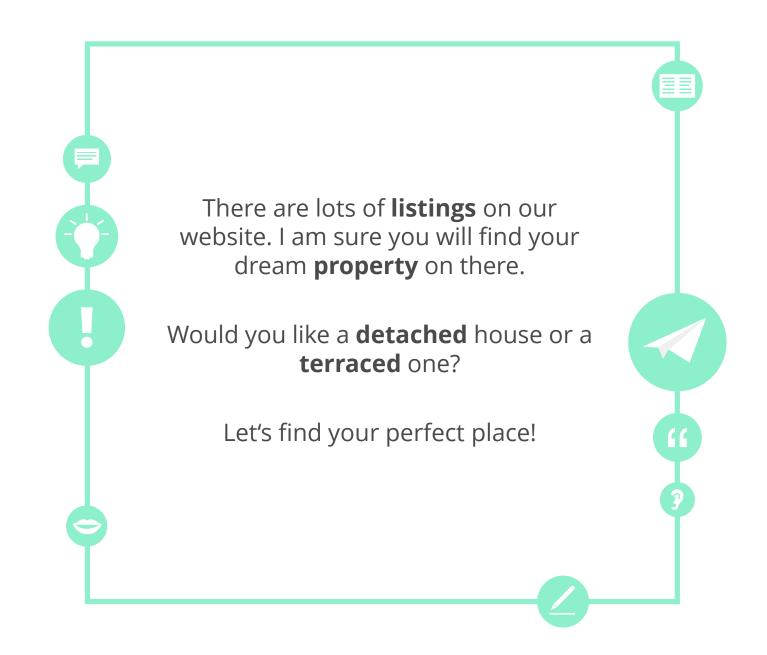




Goals

- Can engage in conversation about the housing market and the business of houses.
- Can describe my personal experience of renting a room, house or flat.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will practise talking about the **housing market** in the context of more elaborate spoken production.



I have a great **property** to show you with **good transport links**.







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budget



Pronunciation

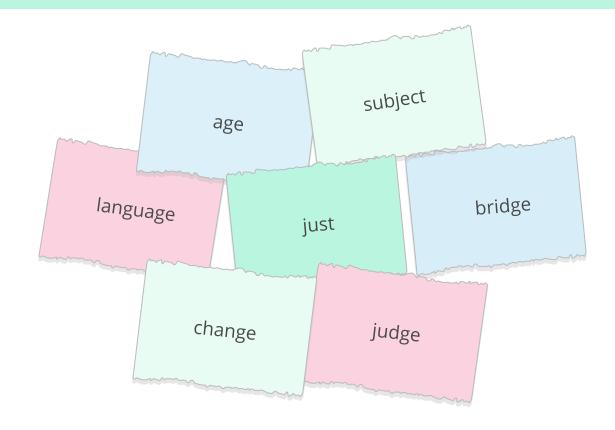
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Practise saying the **/dʒ/** sound with your teacher.



Pronunciation

Practise saying these words out loud. Your teacher will check your pronunciation.





listing

budget

appliances

rent

furnished



estate agent

to look for

deposit

property

utilities



detached

terraced

mansion

bungalow

cottage

stylish



to paint a room

to remove a wall

to convert a loft

spacious



modern



Vocabulary review in context



We looked at three listings today.

My estate agent can show us the home tomorrow.





The property is not finished yet.

The apartment comes furnished.





Vocabulary review in context



A detached house has a lot of space.

The room is open and spacious.





Good transport links are important.

We want a bigger kitchen, so we will remove a wall.





Read the dialogue





Welcome to Johnson's estate agents. How can I help?

Excellent. Would you like it to be furnished or unfurnished?

Great, here are some listings for apartments we have.

Of course, let me just look at the calendar.

Hi, I'm looking for a 2-bedroom apartment in the city centre.

I'd prefer unfurnished and also no more than £750 per month.

I like this one on Steiner Street. When can we organise a visit?



Now recreate the dialogue with a partner. You are looking for an apartment in your new city. Explain to the estate agent your exact requirements for the property.





Student A: You are looking for an apartment

Student B: You are the estate agent



Look at the listings

You are an estate agent in the local area. Choose a property and complete the listings written below.

terraced 2-bedroom, unfurnished, near city centre...





detached 5-bedroom house, furnished...

semi-detached 3bedroom, spacious, garage, near shops...





Modern studio apartment, right in city centre...



Categorise

When you are looking for a place to live, which features do you need? Which would you like to have? Explain your answers.

 balcony
 2-bedroom
 lift
 near shops

 appliances
 good transport links
 near city centre
 window

 near school
 loft
 pool
 kitchen

 Need to have
 Would like to have



Have you ever...?

...rented your own apartment?

...bought a house?

...lived in a shared flat?

...sold a property?



Read the statements below related to the UK housing market. What are some reasons why young people cannot buy their own house? What has changed in your opinion?



New research suggests that around 40% of young adults in the UK still cannot buy the cheapest house in their area.

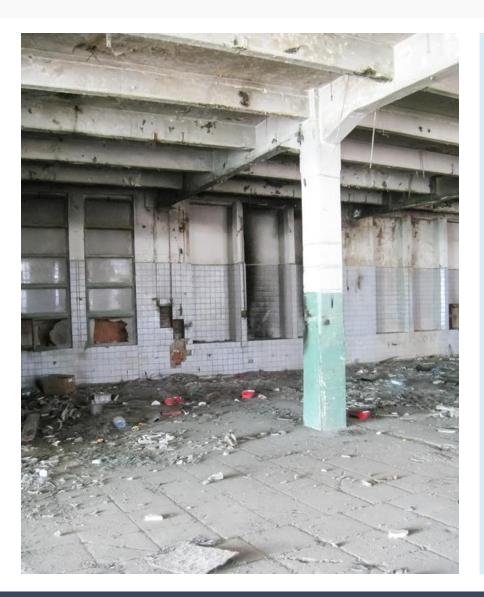
Today, 35% of 25-34 year olds own a house, down from 55% in 1998.







Look at the picture



Imagine you are a property developer.

You have just bought this building for an extremely good price.

- What will you do with it?
- What will you change?

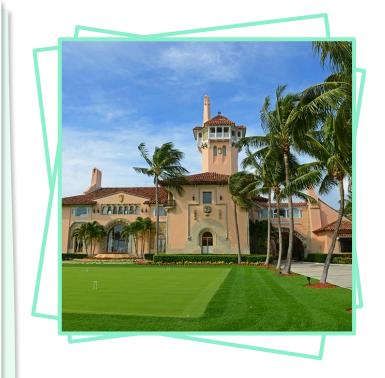
Think of some ideas then share them with the class.



Imagine you have...

... won the lottery and have decided to buy your dream second home abroad. Make a detailed list of its requirements, including type of house, number of rooms, budget and, of course, location!

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Now imagine you are...

...meeting with your estate agent who is going to help you find your dream home. Discuss your requirements with them. Your teacher will be the estate agent.

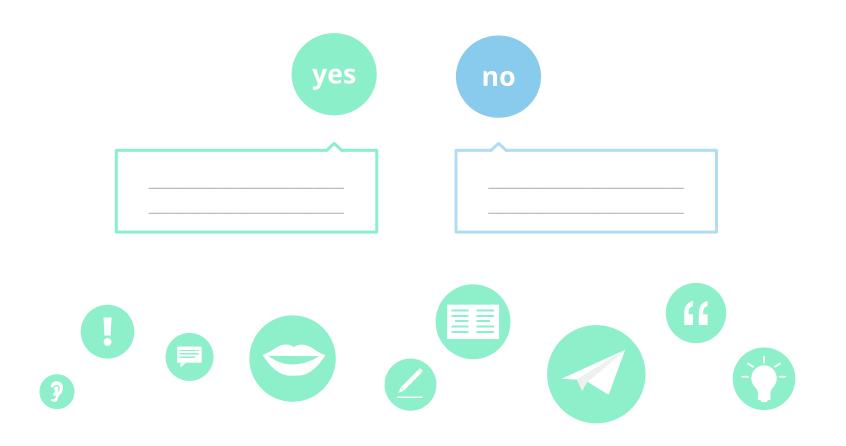
- Use your notes to help you.
- Be sure to clearly explain what you are looking for.





Reflect on the goals

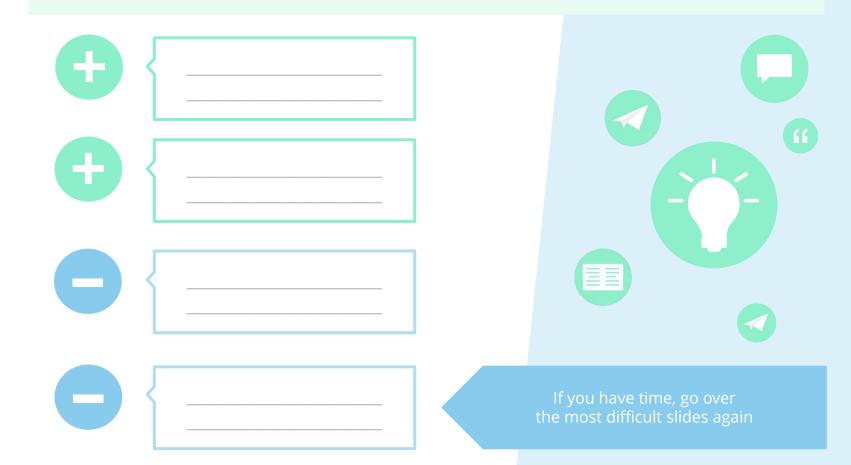
Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.





Reflect on this lesson

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







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Vocabulary

Choose 8 words that were the most difficult for you in this unit. Write sentences using those words.

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Imagine you found your dream second home! Write a short email to your family and friends telling them all about your new property.

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Subject: My new dream second home!			



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