

Task 1: Hi Ally, Unfortunately you can't go to my birthday party. I hope that next birthday you and I could enjoy my party together. My mom and I organized a big party in our flower garden. There were about 30 people coming to my party including my friends, my relatives and some neighbors. The garden was beautifully decorated with colorful balloons and ribbons. During the party, we played some fun games together such as hide-and-seek or bag jumping. Everybody looked very funny and cute. We also danced to the music and sang excitedly together. I hope that both of us would achieve the things we want in our new age. Best wishes, Nhung

Task 2: I don't think an ideal house only needs to be large. Why? People buy larger homes for a number of reasons: they "outgrow" their smaller one, they receive a promotion and raise at work, they are convinced by a realtor that they can afford it, they hope to impress others, or they think a large home is the home of their dreams. Another reason people keep buying bigger and bigger homes is because no one tells them not to. The mantra of the culture again comes calling, "buy as much and as big as possible." They believe the lie and choose to buy a large home only because that's "what you are supposed to do" when you start making money... you buy nice, big stuff. Nobody ever tells them not to. Nobody gives them permission to pursue smaller, rather than larger. Nobody gives them the reasons they may actually be happier in a smaller house. So, in an attempt to break the silence, consider these 12 reasons why you'll actually be happier in a smaller house: 1. Easier to maintain. 2. Less time spent cleaning. 3. Less expensive. 4. Less debt and less risk. 5. Mentally Freeing. 6. Less environmental impact. 7. More time. 8. Encourages family bonding. 9. Forces you to remove baggage. 10. Less temptation to accumulate. 11. Less decorating. 12. Wider market to sell. Your home is a very personal decision that weighs in a large number of factors that can't possibly be summed up in one 200 word post. This post was not written to address each of them. Only you know all the variables that come into play when making your decision. I just think you'll be happier if you buy smaller—rather than the other way around.