

Unit 6 – There’s no place like home

Types of houses

apartment (AE) / flat (BE)	Most students my age rent an apartment / a flat near the city centre.	Wohnung / Apartment
bungalow	They owned a beautiful bungalow on the coast.	Bungalow
condominium	My grandmother moved to a condominium when she turned 70.	Eigentumswohnung
terraced house (BE) / row house (AE)	Tora lives in a terraced house / row house in Chester, England.	Reihenhaus
detached house	My family lives in a detached house.	Einfamilienhaus, freistehendes Haus
block of flats	A millionaire decided to buy a block of flats in California last year.	Wohnblock
cottage	Topher lives in a small cottage near a lake.	Ferienhaus, Landhaus
semi-detached house	My best friend used to live in a semi-detached house.	Doppelhaus
be joined to... / together	Some housing projects have units that are joined together.	verbunden sein mit ... / miteinander verbunden sein, zusammenhängen
building complex	Jade recently moved into a building complex on North Avenue.	Gebäudekomplex
to be divided into apartments / flats	The enormous house across the street is divided into apartments / flats.	in Wohnungen unterteilt sein
to stand alone	Ines’ parent’s house stands alone in the middle of a beautiful yard.	allein / frei stehen
a balcony / terrace / garden	Nathan’s dream is to live in an apartment with a terrace or a garden.	ein Balkon / eine Terrasse / ein Garten
size	The size of an apartment is the first thing that you’ll notice when you walk in.	Größe
square metres	Lukas didn’t know how many square metres his apartment should be.	Quadratmeter
resident(s)	Not every apartment building has a garage for residents.	Einwohner/in, (Einwohner/innen)

Life in tiny homes

to be available in all shapes and different designs	Tiny houses are available in all shapes and different designs.	in allen möglichen Formen und Designs erhältlich / lieferbar sein
at minimum cost	Living in a smaller house can be a way to own a home at minimum cost.	bei minimalen Kosten, mit geringem Kostenaufwand
to do a survey	Architects did a survey of renters in the area.	eine Umfrage durchführen
to live in a rural area	Diego lives in a rural area far away from the city lights.	in ländlichem Gebiet leben
to build one’s own tiny house	Antonia built her own tiny house in 2020 with minimal materials.	ein eigenes Tiny House / Minihaus bauen
to have easy access to one’s shower	In his tiny house, Peter has easy access to his shower and other features.	einfachen Zugang zur Dusche haben
to have a lower carbon footprint	Smaller physical building footprints have a lower carbon footprint.	einen niedrigen CO ₂ -Fußabdruck haben
to be economical	Minimalist living is economical.	wirtschaftlich sein
to heat something	There are many difference devices available to help tiny house owners heat water.	etwas heizen

to cool something	In the summer, it can be hard to cool the interior of the tiny house in a warm climate.	etwas kühlen / abkühlen
to be easy to set up and maintain	Small living spaces are easy to set up and maintain.	leicht zu errichten und zu erhalten sein
Rooms and furniture		
Rooms		
bathroom	The bathroom is located on the right-hand side of the hallway.	Badezimmer
bedroom	Many tiny homes have only one bedroom.	Schlafzimmer
dining room	Our dining room is spacious.	Esszimmer
kitchen	Our kitchen is small and painted yellow.	Küche
living room	It's important to Zoë to have a living room that leads outside.	Wohnzimmer
study	The study in our tiny house is generally just a corner with a cute desk.	Büro
Furniture		
armchair	This blue plaid one is my favourite armchair.	Polstersessel
bathtub	Bathtubs are not very common in small living spaces.	Badewanne
bed	A pull-out bed can help save space.	Bett
bedside table	A bedside table is a good place for your glasses.	Nachttisch, Nachtkästchen
blinds	Blinds are necessary if a lot of sun shines into the room in the morning.	Jalousien
carpet	A carpet looks really good in the right house.	Teppich
chest of drawers	My chest of drawers has a lot of stickers on it from different places I've been.	Kommode
closet	Carl keeps all of his art supplies in the closet next to the sink.	Wandschrank
coffee table	Books belong on a coffee table.	Wohnzimmer-, Couchtisch
couch	Even Marie's tiny house has a couch.	Couch, Liege, Sofa
cupboard	The kitchen cupboards keep breaking without warning.	Schrank, Küchenschrank
curtain(s)	The curtains are always closed at night.	Vorhang (Vorhänge)
desk	Brian was sitting at his desk and doing his homework when his sister got home.	Schreibtisch
desk lamp	Tito's desk lamp creates such a lovely atmosphere for writing.	Schreibtischlampe
dishwasher	I couldn't do without a dishwasher.	Geschirrspüler
floor lamp	Tessa said there wasn't really room for a floor lamp upstairs.	Stehlampe
mirror	A mirror can make a room seem larger.	Spiegel
office chair	Bennie hates the design of his office chair.	Bürosessel
oven / cooker	My sister often uses the oven/cooker to make her own bread.	Ofen, Backrohr, Backofen
refrigerator / fridge	Small fridges have less space for storing extra food.	Kühlschrank

shelf / bookshelf	The shelf is completely full of beautiful books Shelby is planning to read.	Regal, Bücherregal
shower	The hot water for the shower is heated by the sun.	Dusche
sink	We painted our sink blue.	Waschbecken, Spülbecken
stove / cooker	The tiny stove keeps Ethan and his dog warm in winter.	Herd, Ofen
table	The table can be collapsed and turned into a small footstool.	Tisch
toilet	The toilets for tiny houses are often just as comfortable as traditional ones.	Toilette
TV console	My little cousin may have broken the TV console.	TV-Konsole, Fernsehkonsole
wardrobe	All of Sam's outdoor gear fits in the wardrobe.	Kleiderschrank, Garderobe
wash basin	A wash basin gets used every day.	Waschbecken
washing machine	The washing machine was new when we moved in.	Waschmaschine
My room		
to be ... square metres	The bedroom is approximately 25 square metres.	... Quadratmeter groß sein
to be painted in ... (colour)	The walls are painted in a beautiful light green colour.	... gestrichen sein
to be furnished with ... (type of furniture)	The eating area is furnished with a table and four chairs.	mit ... möbliert / eingerichtet sein
to have special features such as ... (paintings / flowers / mirror, etc.)	Our small house has special features like several miniature paintings as well as a mirror at the entrance.	Besonderheiten wie ... haben
to be cosy	This space is cosy.	gemütlich sein
to be comfortable	Heidi thinks the living room is comfortable.	bequem / gemütlich sein
to be new / modern	Everything in this small space is new.	neu / modern sein
to have to share one's room with one's sibling	Zane had to share his room with his sister, Maya.	das Zimmer mit dem Bruder / der Schwester teilen müssen
to have some privacy	Brianna had some privacy on the terrace, outside the house.	etwas Privatsphäre haben
to be too small / big	The kitchen was way too small.	zu klein / groß sein
to be messy	So little space means that common areas are messy.	unordentlich / nicht aufgeräumt sein
to be bright / dark	This house is generally bright because of the big window.	hell / dunkel sein
to change the colour	Becky changed the colour of the walls.	die Farbe ändern
to have more space	A tiny house has more space than a camper van.	mehr Platz haben
to have (more) natural light	Bob thinks the new cabin has more natural light than his old house.	(mehr) natürliches Licht / Tageslicht haben
to have new furniture	My room finally has new furniture!	neue Möbel haben
to redecorate the room	When you live in a small space, it's easy to redecorate everything.	das Zimmer renovieren / neu herrichten
Housing trends in different countries		
to live in the suburb of a city	Brandi says that she wouldn't want to live in the suburb of a city.	im Vorort einer Stadt leben
to be damp	The floor is damp.	feucht sein

to have one storey (BE) / story (AE) / two storeys / stories / floors	The apartment building has three storeys.	ein / zwei ... Stockwerke haben
to live in the countryside / in the city (centre)	Families seem to prefer to live in the countryside.	auf dem Land / in der Stadt (im Stadtzentrum) wohnen
to be able to afford one's own home	Zac is very proud that he is able to afford his own home.	sich ein Eigenheim leisten können
to have the highest density of detached houses / semi-detached houses / terraced houses ... in a country	It starts feeling cramped when you're living in a city that has the highest density of detached houses in the country.	die größte Dichte an Einfamilienhäusern / Doppelhäusern / Reihenhäusern ... in einem Land haben
to work in real estate	My brother-in-law works in real estate.	in der Immobilienbranche arbeiten
to be for rent	Jane would like to know if this property is for rent.	zu mieten sein
to be noticeable	A stone sink and a fireplace are some of the most noticeable features of a typical cottage.	auffällig / bemerkenswert sein
My dream house		
to be located in ... (<i>name of the country / city / village</i>)	My dream house is located in Sheffield Heights, Vermont.	in ... liegen
to have many / big / huge windows	Houses around here have many huge windows.	viele / große / riesige Fenster haben
to be made of bricks / wood / concrete	The terrace is made of wood and concrete.	aus Ziegeln / Holz / Beton hergestellt sein
to have a pond / an outdoor / indoor pool	The house we just looked at did not have a pond.	einen Teich / einen Außen-/Innenpool haben
to have ... (<i>number</i>) rooms in total	The apartment has four rooms in total.	insgesamt ... Zimmer haben
to have stylish / modern / antique furniture	It has antique furniture that's in pretty good condition.	stilvolle / moderne / antike Möbel haben
to have modern kitchen tools / equipment	Savannah wants to have modern kitchen equipment in the apartment she rents.	moderne Küchengeräte / Küchenausstattung haben
to have automated lighting	My flat has automated lighting, which I can control from my phone.	über automatische Beleuchtung verfügen
to have a smart watering system	Hanni has so many plants that she has a smart watering system.	über ein smartes Bewässerungssystem verfügen
to have video surveillance	Certain modern houses have video surveillance available.	Videoüberwachung haben
to have a smart TV system	Jay has a smart TV system, but he doesn't know how it works.	über eine smarte Fernsehanlage verfügen
to have a smart home remote control	Travis has a smart home remote control to change the temperature in his apartment when he's not here.	eine Smart Home-Fernbedienung haben