

Unit 9 – The way I live

Types of houses

block of flats	The block of flats near my house has a lot of amazing apartments at very affordable prices.	Wohnblock
bungalow	My grandparents bought a bungalow by the sea because they didn't want to have to worry about climbing stairs.	Bungalow
condominium (condo)	I bought a great condo in the city centre that offers an amazing view of the city.	Eigentumswohnung
cottage	We went to our cottage on the lake for the weekend.	Landhaus
detached house	I want a detached house so that I can also have a large backyard.	freistehendes Haus
semi-detached house	A semi-detached house is perfect for those who want privacy but also some sense of community.	Doppelhaushälfte
terraced house / row house	The Johnsons live in an amazing terraced house in a quiet neighbourhood, with just enough room for a garden in the backyard.	Reihenhaus
tiny house	I don't need much space, so I think it would be fun to live in a tiny house.	Tiny House, sehr kleines Haus

Living in a house vs. living in a flat

to have a lot of freedom	In this apartment, you have a lot of freedom to design the rooms as you like.	viel Freiheit haben
to have shared facilities	I don't mind having shared facilities as long as everyone cleans up after themselves.	gemeinsame Einrichtungen haben
to have hardly any privacy	My last apartment had a window facing the street, so I felt like I had hardly any privacy at all.	kaum Privatsphäre haben
to be cost-intensive	Fixing up houses is really cost-intensive, but worth it in the end.	teuer / kostenintensiv sein
to benefit from the community	Living in a village allows you to benefit from the community, because everyone always tries to help each other.	von der Gemeinschaft profitieren
to deal with noisy neighbours	Living in an apartment, I always have to deal with noisy neighbours.	mit lauten Nachbarn/Nachbarinnen umgehen
to require little time for maintenance	Thanks to smart home technology, this apartment requires little time for maintenance.	wenig Zeit für die Wartung/Instandhaltung erfordern
to have limited space	My apartment has limited space, but I don't have a lot of stuff anyway.	begrenzten Platz haben
to have a lot of (storage) space	I need a lot of storage space for all my books.	viel Platz (Stauraum) haben
to be a lot of work	Owning a house is a lot of work.	viel Arbeit sein
to be comfortable	It's a small but comfortable flat that feels like home.	komfortabel sein
to have to follow certain house rules	In this apartment complex, you have to follow certain house rules to make living together pleasant for everyone.	bestimmte Hausregeln befolgen müssen
to need intensive care	Living in the city is more convenient if you need intensive care.	intensive Pflege benötigen

to know your neighbours	In rural areas, it is common to know your neighbours, which can lead to feelings of belonging.	die Nachbarn/Nachbarinnen kennen
to be very expensive	Buying a house can be very expensive.	sehr teuer sein
to be located close to the city centre	My apartment in Prague is located close to the city centre, which means I have to deal with tourists every day.	zentral gelegen sein
At a real estate showing		
rooms		
basement	We added a couch and TV to the basement, which made it very comfortable.	Keller
bathroom	The tile in my bathroom looks really nice.	Badezimmer
bedroom	Her bedroom has posters of bands that she likes.	Schlafzimmer
gym / spa room	Jeff loved his new gym and spa room, which had exercise equipment and a sauna.	Fitnessraum / Spa-Raum
open kitchen	My open kitchen allows me to cook while still speaking to my guests.	offene Küche
open living-dining room	The open living-dining room is perfect for hosting big parties.	offenes Wohn-Esszimmer
study	I love to read in my study.	Arbeitszimmer
indoor features		
acoustic panels	A lot of music studios have acoustic panels to help with the sound.	Akustikpaneele
carpet	Carpet is sometimes difficult to clean, but it makes the room much cosier.	Teppich
curtain	I keep a curtain over my window to block any light from coming in.	Vorhang
(glass) fireplace	The new glass fireplace looked really modern, and made the room feel cosier.	(Glas-)Kamin
LED lights	The LED lights blinked and changed colours.	LED-Lichter
mirror	Steve has a big mirror on the wall so he can make sure he looks good before he goes out.	Spiegel
painted walls	Our freshly painted walls looked really nice.	gestrichene Wände
window bench	Mina uses her window bench to sit and read on nice summer days.	Fensterbank
outdoor features		
balcony	I love to start each morning by drinking coffee on my balcony.	Balkon
carport / garage	We need a garage because the heavy snow in the winter might damage our car.	Carport / Garage
hammock	I love to read a book in my hammock on summer afternoons.	Hängematte
outdoor kitchen	Stef's outdoor kitchen was the perfect place to grill for people in the summer.	Außenküche
pool	I love to visit the pool on hot summer days.	Pool, Schwimmbecken
raised bed	The raised bed in the backyard is the perfect place to grow vegetables.	Hochbeet

solar panels	Our school has solar panels to help with electricity costs.	Solarpaneele
sunbed	I stay away from sunbeds because I burn easily.	Liegestuhl
trampoline	I don't want to buy a trampoline because I think they are unsafe.	Trampolin
appliances		
dishwasher	I decided to get a dishwasher because I was tired of washing everything by hand.	Geschirrspüler
freezer	Put that ice cream in the freezer before it melts, please.	Gefrierschrank
kitchen appliances	I love to cook, so I have a lot of kitchen appliances.	Küchengeräte
oven	Let me know when the cookies need to come out of the oven.	Backofen
refrigerator	I have so much food in my refrigerator.	Kühlschrank
smart home	My smart home can keep track of how much food I have left in the house.	Smart Home; intelligentes Zuhause
stove	Please clean the stove for me and I'll make us some stir fry.	Herd
washing machine	I need to put my clothes in the washing machine, could you please tell me when they are finished?	Waschmaschine
furniture		
armchair	I have a comfortable armchair where I do most of my reading.	Lehnstuhl, Polstersessel
blinds	Hannah made sure the blinds were closed before she changed her clothes.	Jalousien
bedside table	I keep my phone on my bedside table so it can wake me up in the morning.	Nachttisch
bookshelf	I needed to get a second bookshelf because I was running out of space.	Bücherregal
drawer	I have a drawer for each type of clothing I wear.	Schublade
kitchen island	The kitchen island is a great place to arrange breakfast for the whole family.	Kücheninsel
sink	Will had to wash all the pots and pans in the kitchen sink.	Waschbecken, Spülbecken
TV console	The TV console is where we put all our gaming equipment.	TV-Schrank / Regal
walk-in closet / wardrobe	Julianne's walk-in closet is so big, she can finally store all her clothes.	begehrter Kleiderschrank
to be accessible from the bedroom	The bathroom is accessible from my bedroom, which is convenient for me.	vom Schlafzimmer aus zugänglich sein
to be state-of-the-art	My house is state-of-the-art and has the latest smart technology.	auf dem neuesten Stand der Technik sein
to do public showings	Real estate agents do public showings of houses all the time.	öffentliche Besichtigungen durchführen
to have enough storage room and counter space	I want my new kitchen to have enough storage room and counter space.	genügend Stauraum und Arbeitsfläche haben
to pay a security deposit	Lukas had to pay a security deposit before he moved into his new apartment, but he will get it back if nothing is damaged.	eine Kautionszahlung
to hear other tenants	The worst part of my building is that I can hear other tenants through the walls.	andere Mieter/innen hören

to be quite sensitive to noise	I am quite sensitive to noise, which makes living next to a busy street really difficult.	geräuschempfindlich sein
to buy a property	I really want to buy a property in my favourite part of Prague.	eine Immobilie kaufen
to become available for sale	The house will become available for sale within the next month.	zum Verkauf verfügbar werden
to be a first-time homeowner	As a first-time homeowner, he really had no idea of how to take care of the house.	zum ersten Mal Hausbesitzer/in sein
to reduce the running costs	My smart house automates everything, which helped to reduce the running costs of the house.	die Betriebskosten senken
to get a mortgage from the bank	After he started work, he got a mortgage from the bank to help pay for his house.	eine Hypothek von der Bank erhalten
to be well-insulated	His house is well-insulated, which means it's really warm and comfortable in the winter.	gut isoliert sein
to view the site	We decided to view the site before buying the house.	die Immobilie besichtigen
Tiny houses		
to downsize living spaces	The Smith family wanted to downsize living spaces to make their lives easier.	den Wohnraum verkleinern
to matter more than sth. else	The people in your life matter more than the money you make.	wichtiger als etw. anderes sein
to live in natural surroundings	She bought a house in the forest because she always wanted to live in natural surroundings.	in natürlicher Umgebung leben
to be comparable	The blue house is comparable to the white house in size, but not in quality.	vergleichbar sein
to be a significant contrast	The big house is a significant contrast to the small apartment where I used to live.	ein erheblicher Unterschied sein
to get rid of unnecessary belongings	Kayla wanted to get rid of unnecessary belongings because her house felt cluttered.	unnötigen Besitz loswerden
to afford sth.	I was finally able to afford a car after saving my money for a couple of months.	sich etw. leisten können
to be friendlier to one's budget	Buying a tiny house is friendlier to one's budget.	günstiger / budgetfreundlicher sein
to play a crucial role	The quality of your house plays a crucial role in how happy you are.	eine entscheidende Rolle spielen
to use reclaimed materials	The eco-friendly house was built using reclaimed materials.	wiederverwertete Materialien / aufbereitete Baustoffe nutzen
to reduce the environmental footprint	Joey hopes he can reduce the environmental footprint of his house by installing solar panels.	den ökologischen Fußabdruck reduzieren
to pick up the minimalist lifestyle	Tracy wanted to pick up the minimalist lifestyle after reading about it in a magazine.	den minimalistischen Lebensstil übernehmen
Vanlife		
to renovate a van	Tamar decided to renovate a van so she could live in it and travel across England.	einen Van renovieren
to be a digital nomad	Kyle is a digital nomad, which means he works remotely from anywhere in the world.	ein digitaler Nomade / eine digitale Nomadin sein
to live with less	When I didn't have a job, I had to learn to live with less.	mit weniger leben

to make a living	Ban makes a living by travelling around the world and posting videos about his adventures.	den Lebensunterhalt verdienen
to live on the road	The worst part of living on the road is probably not being able to shower every day.	ein Leben auf Reisen führen
to work from the road	I don't mind working from the road, as long as I have a good Internet connection.	von unterwegs aus arbeiten
to be tough	Living in a van can be tough if you don't know what you're doing.	hart / schwer sein
to end up somewhere	We were driving to Poland but ended up in Austria, which was a nice surprise.	irgendwo landen
to do assignments	Taira was able to do assignments on the road and finish her degree early.	Aufträge erledigen
to be handy	Knowing how to change a tire is handy once you get out onto the open road.	praktisch / nützlich sein
to not have any privacy	You do not have any privacy if you live in a van with someone, so I hope you know them well.	keine Privatsphäre haben
to take on a lot of debt	I took on a lot of debt to travel abroad, but it worked out well in the end.	sich stark verschulden