

10 Home, sweet home

Types of houses

bungalow	They owned a beautiful bungalow on the coast.	Bungalow
terraced house (BE) / row house (AE)	Tora lives in a terraced house / row house in Chester, England.	Reihenhaus
condominium	My grandmother moved to a condominium when she turned 70.	Eigentumswohnung
apartment (AE) / flat (BE)	Most students my age rent an apartment / a flat near the city centre.	Wohnung / Apartment
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

My home

rooms

entrance hall	To enter my home, you first go through the entrance hall.	Eingangshalle, Vorzimmer
bathroom	The bathroom is located on the right-hand side of the hallway.	Badezimmer
dining room	Our dining room is spacious.	Esszimmer
living room	It's important to Zoë to have a large living room.	Wohnzimmer
box room	Fiona has so much stuff in the box room it is hard to shut the door.	Abstellraum
office	The office door is always kept closed.	Büro
utility room	The utility room in the basement has a washing machine and cleaning supplies in it.	Haustechnik-, Hauswirtschaftsraum
kitchen	Our kitchen is large and painted yellow.	Küche
bedroom	Many homes have more than two bedrooms.	Schlafzimmer
toilet	In a shared flat, it's helpful to have more than one toilet.	Toilette, WC

furniture

sink	We painted our sink blue.	Waschbecken, Spülbecken
oven / cooker	My sister often uses the oven/cooker to make her own bread.	Ofen / Herd
fridge	Large fridges have a lot of space for storing extra food.	Kühlschrank
freezer	I like being able to store things in the freezer.	Gefrierschrank, Gefrierfach
wash basin	A wash basin gets used every day.	Waschbecken
kitchen cupboards	The kitchen cupboards keep breaking without warning.	Küchenschränke

dishwasher	I couldn't do without a dishwasher.	Geschirrspüler
washing machine	The washing machine was new when we moved in.	Waschmaschine
wardrobe	A wardrobe is very helpful for storing jackets and other clothes you need to hang up.	Kleiderschrank, Garderobe
chest of drawers	My chest of drawers has a lot of stickers on it from different places I've been.	Kommode
blinds / curtains	Blinds / Curtains are necessary if a lot of sun shines into the room in the morning.	Jalousien / Vorhänge
bedside table	A bedside table is a good place for your glasses.	Nachttisch, Nachtkästchen
shelves	Francois helped his sister build shelves for her living room.	Regale
fireplace	The family used their fireplace every day in January.	Kamin
coffee table	Books belong on a coffee table.	Wohnzimmer-, Couchtisch
couch / armchair	This blue plaid one is my favourite couch / armchair.	Sofa, Couch / Polstersessel
carpet	A carpet looks really good in the right house.	Teppich
roof types		
flat roof	With all of the snow last winter, having a flat roof was at times a bit risky.	Flachdach
gable / pitched roof	The average house in this area has a gable / pitched roof.	Giebel-/Satteldach
shed roof	The shed roof had green shingles on it.	Pultdach
Dutch roof / hipped roof	I didn't know what a Dutch roof / hipped roof was until I took an architecture class.	Walmdach
mansard roof	I think Ralph's house has a mansard roof.	Mansardendach
porch roof	Our porch roof is sagging a bit because we've had so much rain recently.	Vordach
floors		
on the ground floor	The local art studio is located on the ground floor of the town office.	im Erdgeschoß
in the cellar / in the basement	Friends of ours used to keep exercise equipment in the cellar / in the basement.	im Keller / im Untergeschoß
on the first / second / third ... floor	Janaé lives on the first / second / third ... floor.	im ersten / zweiten / dritten ... Stock
in the attic	Extra garden tools and our skis are stored in the attic.	am Dachboden, im Dachgeschoß
on the top floor	My childhood bedroom was on the top floor.	im Dachgeschoß / Obergeschoß

special features		
entrance / front door	The entrance / front door is around the corner on the left.	(Vorder-)Eingangstür
terrace	We have a beautiful terrace with a lot of potted plants.	Terrasse
carport / garage	Not every apartment building has a carport / garage for residents.	Wagenunterstellplatz, Carport / Garage
pool	My aunt shares a pool with her neighbours.	Schwimmbecken, Pool
sunbeds / sunshade	Many homeowners install sunbeds / sunshades next to their pools.	Sonnenliegen / Sonnenschirm
gym	Having a home gym is quite a privilege.	Fitnessraum
sauna	My father built a sauna last fall.	Sauna
terrace awning	The terrace awning drips in wet weather.	Terrassen-Markise, -Vordach
jacuzzi	I've always been a bit frightened by the bubbles in the jacuzzi.	Whirlpool, Jacuzzi
City life vs. country life		
city dweller	City dwellers ride on public transportation more often than country dwellers.	(Groß-)Stadtbewohner/in
to flee the stress	Sometimes city dwellers need to flee the stress of the urban centre.	dem Stress entfliehen
exhaust fumes	It's not good for your lungs to breathe in exhaust fumes on the street day after day.	Autoabgase
to be in good shape	Olivia is in good shape; she can do a lot of pull-ups in a row.	gut in Form sein
hazard	There are a lot of potential hazards in the city.	Gefahr
to have limited visibility	If it's cloudy, drivers often have limited visibility from their cars.	eingeschränkte Sicht haben
pedestrian crossing	You have to be careful at pedestrian crossings.	Fußgängerübergang
to wear a seatbelt	Wearing a seatbelt is one of the easiest things you can do to protect yourself in a car crash.	einen Sicherheitsgurt anlegen
to seek medical help	If you're in pain, please seek medical help.	medizinische Hilfe suchen
resident	I'm a resident of Sweden.	Bewohner/in, Einwohner/in
to live life at a slower pace	It's refreshing to live life at a slower pace.	das Leben langsamer angehen
to live in a remote area	My friend lives in a very remote area; it's sometimes hard to reach him by phone.	in einer abgelegenen Gegend leben
to affect the recovery rate	The quality of sleep can affect one's recovery rate from an illness.	die Genesungschancen beeinflussen
to struggle with something / someone	Edward still struggles with business meetings / his colleagues.	mit etwas / jemandem ringen, sich mit etwas / jemandem abmühen

Living in a house vs. living in a flat		
to be a 5-minute walk from the city centre	My flat is a 5-minute walk from the city centre.	5 Gehminuten vom Stadtzentrum entfernt sein
to rent a house / flat	It's impossible to rent a house / flat for an inexpensive price in this part of the city.	ein Haus / eine Wohnung mieten
to have one's own property	Marry has her own property.	ein eigenes Grundstück haben
to plant fruits and vegetables in one's garden	He planted fruits and vegetables in his own garden, even though it was small.	Obst und Gemüse im eigenen Garten anbauen
to be more / less expensive	Land is more / less expensive if you live near the industrial part of the city.	teurer / weniger teuer sein
to be surrounded by shops / bars / restaurants	It's nice to be surrounded by shops / bars / restaurants; there's always something to do.	von Geschäften / Bars / Restaurants umgeben sein
to have more / less privacy	Since Rhonda changed the curtains in her apartment, she has more / less privacy.	mehr / weniger Privatsphäre haben
to have more / a smaller space	In my previous apartment, I had more / a smaller space to move around.	mehr / weniger Platz haben
to need regular renovations	Older buildings need regular renovations.	regelmäßig renoviert werden müssen, regelmäßige Renovierungen benötigen
to be a lot of work	Maintaining an old cottage is a lot of work.	viel Arbeit sein, vieler Arbeit bedürfen
to be more / less comfortable	Newly built homes are more / less comfortable than older ones.	komfortabler, bequemer sein / weniger komfortabel, weniger bequem sein
to live in a quiet neighbourhood	When I finish my Master's degree, I want to live in a quiet neighbourhood.	in einer ruhigen Gegend wohnen
to have more / less storage space	My grandmother's apartment has more / less storage space than I thought.	mehr / weniger Stauraum haben
to be more / less peaceful	Life in the middle of town is more / less peaceful than what I'm used to.	friedlicher / weniger friedlich sein
to be time-consuming	Commuting to work every day is time-consuming.	zeitaufwendig sein
to have one's own garage	Brooke has his own garage, which makes his friends jealous.	eine eigene Garage haben
to be in nature	I feel best when I am in nature.	in der Natur sein
to be low maintenance	The car is pretty low maintenance.	pflegeleicht sein, nicht wartungsintensiv sein
to need intensive care	My lawn needs a lot of intensive care.	intensive Pflege benötigen
to have more repairs	Her oldest pair of shoes has more repairs than her car.	mehr Reparaturen benötigen

Tiny homes		
to encourage living simply	My philosophy is to encourage living simply.	einen einfachen Lebensstil fördern / begünstigen
to appreciate the financial benefits	Francis appreciates the financial benefits of not owning a car.	die finanziellen Vorteile zu schätzen wissen
to result in owning less	When you are required to fit into a small space, it results in owning less.	zu weniger Besitz führen
to save money	Samuel told his colleagues that he was planning to save money for buying a new home.	Geld sparen
21st century homes		
to be soundproof	Thick walls are often soundproof.	schalldicht / nicht hellhörig sein
tiny lawn	Sierra loves taking care of her tiny lawn.	kleine Rasenfläche
air-conditioning	Many modern houses have built-in air-conditioning.	Klimatisierung
tech-nerd	Devin is a tech-nerd.	Technikfreak
motion sensor	Motion sensors for homes are becoming more affordable.	Bewegungsmelder
temperature control	Temperature control in modern homes makes life a lot more comfortable in the coldest and warmest months of the year.	Temperaturregelung, Temperaturregler
smoke detector	Smoke detectors are an important safety feature.	Rauchmelder
state-of-the-art security system	A state-of-the-art security system can reduce the risk of a break-in.	modernes Sicherheitssystem
garden sprinkler	One has to worry less about one's flowers if a garden sprinkler is installed.	Sprinkleranlage, Rasensprenger
double-glazed windows	Double-glazed windows help insulate against the cold.	doppelverglaste Fenster
open floor plan	A home with an open floor plan seems much more welcoming.	offenes Wohnkonzept
Jobs		
IT specialist	They are only looking for an IT specialist at my job.	IT-Fachmann/-Fachfrau
carpenter	My father has been a carpenter for over 40 years.	Zimmerer/Zimmerin, Bautischler/in
roofer	The roofer took two weeks to finish the job.	Dachdecker/in
plasterer	Rosalie had to hire a plasterer to finish the walls in her house.	Verputzer/in, Gipsler/in, Stukkateur/in
plumber	Chase's friend worked for a plumber during the summer holidays.	Installateur/in
joiner	It's Xavier's dream to become a joiner.	Tischler/in
electrician	An electrician came to our house and checked all of the power outlets.	Elektriker/in
architect	Being an architect sounds incredibly fancy.	Architekt/in
bricklayer	The bricklayer did such a good job building the chimney.	Maurer/in