

28 Houses and homes

1 Different kinds of house

Match the definitions with the pictures:

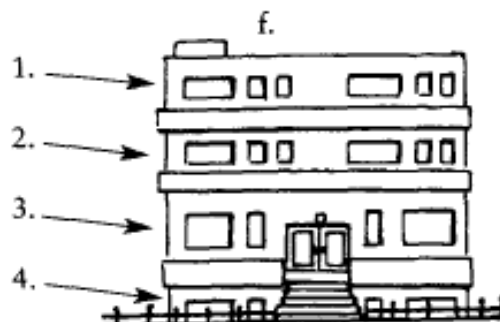
1. You live in a detached house if it stands in its own grounds.
2. Your house is semi-detached if it is joined to another one. People talk about living in a semi.
3. You live in a terraced house if your house is in a terrace of houses.
4. A flat can be in a block of flats or part of an older house.
5. A cottage is usually a small house in the country.
6. A bungalow is a house with only one floor.



2 Which floor?

Match the expressions to the numbers in the pictures:

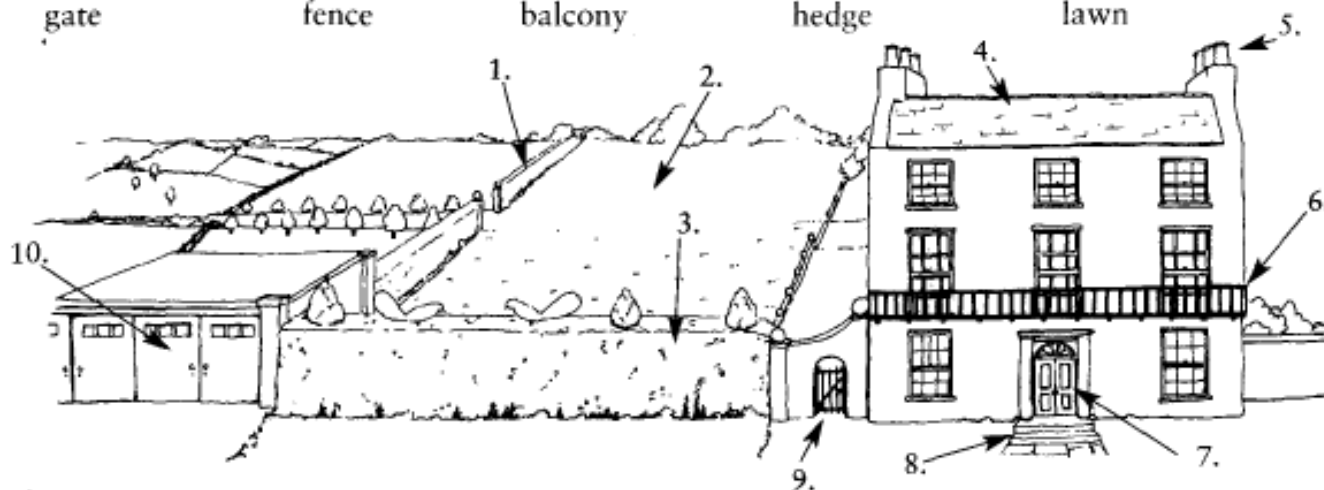
- the ground floor
- the first floor
- the top floor
- the basement



3 Parts of a house

Match the words with the numbers in the picture:

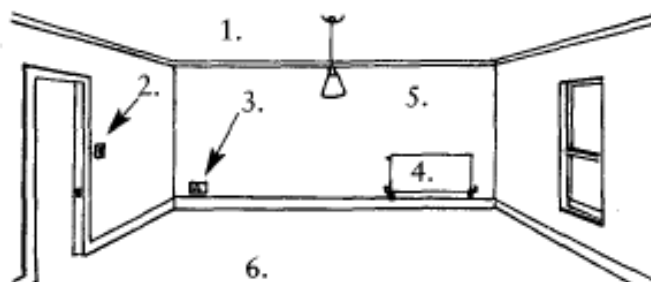
- roof
- steps
- garage
- chimneys
- front door
- gate
- fence
- balcony
- hedge
- lawn



4 An empty room

Match the words with the numbers in the picture:

- ceiling
- power point
- light switch
- radiator
- wall
- floor



5 Rooms

Match the room with what you do in it:

1. You relax and watch TV
 2. You cook
 3. You eat your dinner
 4. You sleep
 5. You have a shower
 6. You put up guests
- a. in the bathroom
 - b. in your bedroom
 - c. in the living room / lounge
 - d. in the dining room
 - e. in the spare room
 - f. in the kitchen

6 Renting a flat

Complete the following text with these words:

tenants	deposit	furnished
advance	landlord	share

When I was a student, I decided to (1) a flat with a couple of good friends. We didn't have any stuff of our own, so we tried to find a nice (2) flat. We soon found somewhere that we all liked and we decided to take it.

We had to pay a (3) of £500 and one month's rent in (4) – a total of £1,000. We were lucky because the previous (5) had left the place really clean and tidy, so we moved in the next day.

Our (6) said we could paint the rooms if we wanted to, so I painted mine bright red!

Notice that you can rent or hire a car, and you can rent a flat but not hire a flat.

7 Features of a house

What makes you decide to rent or buy a house? Choose the correct ending for each sentence:

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| 1. It's in a very nice | a. light. |
| 2. It gets plenty of natural | b. space. |
| 3. It's got central | c. neighbourhood. |
| 4. It's got a fitted | d. kitchen. |
| 5. It's got an open | e. glazing. |
| 6. There's plenty of storage | f. fire. |
| 7. It's got double | g. heating |

8 Expressions with *house* and *home*

Use *house* or *home* in these sentences:

1. I don't fancy going out tonight. I'm going to stay at and watch TV.
2. When I'm 20 I'm going to leave and get my own flat
3. Is your a long way from the town centre?
4. What's your address?
5. Now that we're expecting another baby, we'll probably have to move This place is a bit small for four of us.
6. It's getting late. Let's go I'll call a taxi.
7. We're busy decorating our at the moment.
8. Don't make any dinner for me tonight. I won't be until late.
9. Does your town have an opera ?
10. My grandmother is in a really nice old folks'

You can also talk about an old people's home.

In your country do most people live in houses or flats? Do they own or rent their property?

Do you have similar expressions to these in your language?

There's no place like home.

Home is where the heart is.

Add your own words and expressions