

SERENDIPITY  
ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE  
DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES  
English!

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!



**HOW MANY BEDROOMS ARE  
THERE IN YOUR HOUSE?**

**A house with a history.**

### 1. Vocabulary; the house

a. Match the words and pictures.

Central Heating

It is a system that makes a house warm, usually using radiators

Air conditioning

It is a system that makes a house cool.

## Rooms

- ..... a bathroom
- ..... a bedroom
- ..... a dining room
- ..... a garage
- ..... a garden
- ..... a hall
- ..... a kitchen
- ..... a living room
- ..... a study
- ..... a toilet

## Parts of a room

- ..... a balcony
- ..... the ceiling
- ..... the floor
- ..... the stairs
- ..... the wall

## Things in a room

- ..... an armchair
- ..... a bath
- ..... a bed
- ..... a carpet
- ..... a cooker
- ..... a cupboard
- ..... a fireplace
- ..... a fridge
- ..... a lamp
- ..... a light
- ..... a mirror
- ..... a plant



- ..... a shelf (shelves)
- ..... a shower
- ..... a sofa/a couch
- ..... a washing machine

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b. Listen and check. 4.12

c. Read the advertisement for a house to rent. Would you like to rent it? Why (not)?

# **TO RENT**

**Beautiful country house.**

Very quiet. Six bedrooms, four bathrooms, large garden. Five miles from Witney. Perfect family house.

**LOW PRICE.**



## 2. Listening

a. Kim and Leo are a young couple from the USA. They want to rent the house. Which three rooms in the house do they go into?

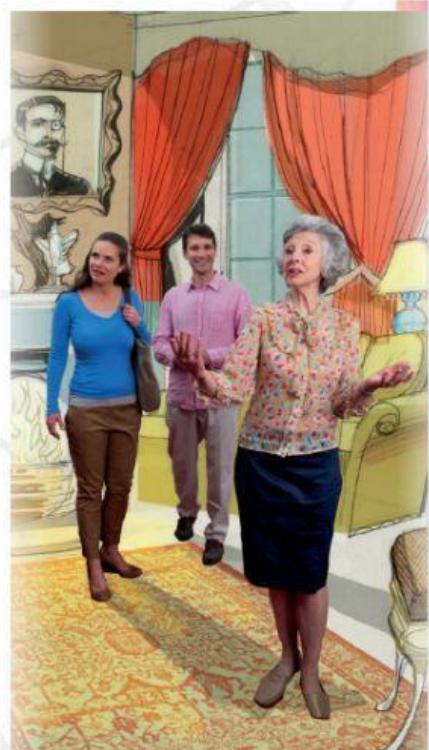
1.13

b. Listen again and complete the dialogue.

K The garden is wonderful, I love it.  
L Is there a <sup>1</sup>garage?  
B Oh yes, there's a big garage over there. Let's go inside the house.

This is the <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. There are five rooms on this floor, the kitchen, the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the living room, the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the library...

L Wow! There's a library, Kim!  
B This is the living room.  
L I love the furniture, the old sofa, the armchairs, the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_...  
B And this is the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It's very big, as you can see.  
K Is there a dishwasher?  
B No, there isn't. It's an old house, you see.  
L Never mind. I think it's lovely. Is there a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ downstairs?  
B Yes, there's one <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and there are three upstairs.  
K Are there any <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with children?  
B No, there aren't any neighbours near here. But there are some families with children in the village.  
K That's great. You lived in this house, is that right, Mrs...?  
B Call me Barbara, dear. Yes, I lived here. A long time ago. Now I live in the village. Let's go <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_...



c. Listen. What does Kim say about one of the bedrooms? Whose bedroom was it? 1.14

d. Kim and Leo go to a local pub. Listen and answer the questions. 1.15



1. What do they have to drink? Why?
2. What does the barman tell them about what happened in the house?
3. What does the barman tell them about Barbara?
4. What does the barman tell them about what happened to the house later?
5. What did Kim and Leo decide to do?

### 3. Grammar: There is/ There are

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
+	There's a garden.	There ..... some families in the village.
-	There ..... a dishwasher.	There ..... any neighbours.
?	..... a garage?	..... any neighbours?

8B *there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns*

Singular	Plural	(4 16))
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>There's</b> a garage.	<b>There are</b> some pictures on the wall.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>There isn't</b> a swimming pool.	<b>There aren't</b> any plants in the room.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Is there</b> a bathroom downstairs?	<b>Are there</b> any neighbours with children?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, <b>there is</b> .	Yes, <b>there are</b> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, <b>there isn't</b> .	No, <b>there aren't</b> .	

***there is / there are***

- We use *there is / there are* to say that somebody or something exists. We use *there is* + a singular noun and *there are* + plural nouns.
- *There is* is often contracted to *There's*. *There are* is not usually contracted.
- When we talk about a list of things we use *there is* if the first word in the list is singular or *there are* if the first word in the list is plural:  
*In my bedroom there's a bed, two chairs, and a desk.*  
*In the living room there are two armchairs and a sofa.*

***a / an, some and any***

- We often use *there is / there are* with *a / an, some, and any*.
- Use *some* and *any* with plural nouns.  
*Some* = not an exact number.
- Use *some* in  sentences and *any* in  and .

***There is or It is?***

Be careful. *There is* and *It is* are different.

***There's*** a key on the table. ***It's*** the key to the kitchen.

#### 4. Pronunciation

a. Listen and repeat the words and sounds.



chair



ear

b. Complete the chart with these words; beer, careful, dear, wear, here, they're, near, stairs, there, we're, hear, where

c. Listen and repeat. 4.18

d. Listen and repeat. Copy the rhythm. 4.19

A Are there any stairs?

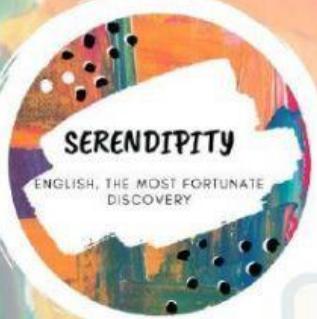
B Yes, they're over there.

A Is there a bank near here?

B Yes.

A Where?

B There's one in the square.



## 5. Speaking



*Tell me about your house.*

*Do you live in a house or flat?*

*How old is it?*

*How big is it?*

*How many bedrooms are there?*

*How many bathrooms are there?*

*Is there a study?*

*Is there a balcony or a garden?*

*Is there a garage?*

*Is there central heating or air conditioning?*

*Do you like it? Why? Why not?*