

WRITING: MAKING WRITING INTERESTING

- 1 Read David's description of his friend's house and complete it with the words in the box.

so (x 2) because but although however and also as well

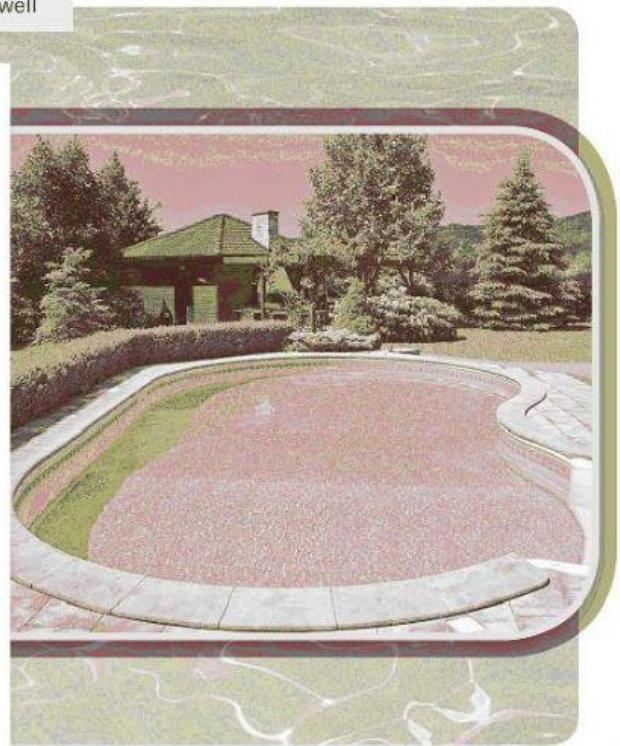
Michael's house

My friend Michael lives with his parents in a big modern house just outside the city. I think it's an excellent place to live ¹ _____ it's really peaceful there, ² _____ it's still easy to get to the city on the bus.

Michael's mom is an excellent gardener, and they have a gorgeous yard with lots of flowers. It ³ _____ has a large swimming pool, where we often hang out on the weekends.

⁴ _____ the rooms in Michael's house are spacious, they're still very comfortable. In Michael's room, there's an old leather sofa ⁵ _____ lots of soft red velvet cushions. There's a lovely thick rug, ⁶ _____.

All the rooms have big windows ⁷ _____ they're bright and airy. ⁸ _____, most of them have thick, black blinds, ⁹ _____ you can make the rooms dark if you want to. That's especially useful in the living room, where we often watch movies.



- 2 Order the adjectives to complete the sentences.

- 1 He owns a(n) _____ bed.
(huge/amazing/square)
- 2 Her bedroom has _____ curtains.
(pale green/silk/fashionable)
- 3 My house contains a _____ living area.
(spacious/modern)
- 4 Their home is full of _____ furniture.
(old/oak/beautiful)
- 5 She uses _____ sheets on the beds.
(Egyptian/white/cotton)
- 6 I don't like the _____ window frames.
(horrible/plastic/modern)
- 7 On the table there is a _____ vase.
(Chinese/large/round)
- 8 The dining room has a _____ carpet.
(blue/gorgeous)

- 3 Find these words in the text and match them with synonyms a–d.

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| 1 spacious | _____ | a spend time |
| 2 gorgeous | _____ | b reach |
| 3 hang out | _____ | c large |
| 4 get to | _____ | d beautiful |

Write a description of a home you like.

- Use adjectives in the correct order.
- Use synonyms to avoid repeating words.
- Use linkers to give reasons and results (*so, because, that's why*), to contrast information (*but, although, however*) or add information (*and, also, too, as well*).
- Include a sentence with *where* and what you can do in a particular place.