

Living the high life



Like a lot of people, Yassir lives in an apartment. It has all of the things you usually find in a **single-storey** home. There are three bedrooms, a living room and dining area, an **open-plan** kitchen and, of course, there is a bathroom. Yassir and his family take a lift to get to their floor, and Yassir's parents park their cars in a car park beneath the building. Just like normal.

However, there is one detail which makes Yassir's home very different from most others: it is on the 100th floor.

Yassir and his family live near the top of one of **downtown** Dubai's tallest **high-rise** apartment buildings. From his bedroom, Yassir can see the beach, the harbour and one of the most famous city **skylines** in the world.

So what's it like living 100 floors up? "I love it!" says Yassir. "It's so

cool to be able to see such a long way – especially at night. I love the city lights. All of the people and the cars on the ground look so small from my window."

Have you ever had any problems living so far away from the ground?

"Sometimes, when it's very windy, the building moves a little bit. It was quite scary at first, but I'm **used to it now**."

Do you ever wish you could live closer to the ground?

"Not really. **We used to live** in a house in a **suburb**. It was okay, but now when I look out of my window, I feel on top of the world!"

Language tip

Notice the difference between *used to* and *be used to*.

We use *used to* + infinitive to describe a

- 1 in the central part of a city
- 2 an area on the edge of a city where many people live
- 3 being on one floor of a building
- 4 the pattern against the sky that is made by buildings
- 5 not divided into different rooms or areas
- 6 used to describe a very tall building, with many floors

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