



READING

4 A Match the words in the box with 1–5 in the photo.

lamp mirror curtain sofa picture

B What do you think? Underline the alternative that you think is correct.

In a small room ...

- 1 have/don't have lots of small furniture.
- 2 use/don't use one or two pieces of large furniture.
- 3 have/don't have a lot of pictures.
- 4 put/don't put a mirror on the wall.
- 5 open/don't open curtains in the day.
- 6 paint/don't paint your walls a dark colour.

C Read the text and check your answers.

TOP TIPS FOR SMALL ROOMS

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In a small home it's important to choose the right furniture. With the wrong furniture, your room can look crowded but with the right furniture, it can look spacious* and large.

People with small rooms usually make a big mistake: they put lots of furniture in the room. They often have two or three small armchairs and tables or a table and a desk – and they put lots of small pictures on the walls.

A small room looks good with one or two big pieces of furniture, for example a sofa or a table, for relaxing, eating and working. Have one or two pictures – no more – and put up a mirror. A mirror in the right place gives more light and makes the room look big. Windows are very important because they make a room look light and spacious. Use curtains but don't close them in the day. Put wallpaper on one wall and paint the other walls a light colour, for example white or yellow; don't use brown or black or other dark colours.

*spacious – has a lot of space