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Building

1.1 Which adjectives best describe your home?

- A old traditional modern
- B concrete brick steel timber
- C single-storey two-storey multi-storey / high rise



1.2 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct order.

- 1 It's a house. (brick, traditional)
- 2 I live in a apartment. (high-rise, lovely)
- 3 I'd rather live in a cottage. (small, country)

1.3 Now make a similar sentence about your own home.

I live in but I'd rather live
in

Vocabulary note

If we use more than one adjective they are normally in the following order: opinion, size, age, shape, colour, origin, material, type: An **ugly, old, brown, plastic shopping** bag. However, more than four adjectives together can sound awkward. NOT ~~An ugly, big, old, rectangular, brown, Italian, plastic bag.~~

2.1 11a Listen to three people describing their homes and complete the table below.

	Type of building	Material(s) used	Favourite feature	Adjectives used to describe it
A				
B				
C				

2.2 11a Listen again and answer the questions. Include the words from the recording that give you your answers.

Speaker A

- 1 Where did the stone come from?
.....
- 2 What makes the ceilings ornate?
.....
- 3 Is the house large or small?
.....

Speaker B

- 1 Is the computer system new or old?
.....
- 2 What makes the apartment functional?
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- 3 Are the bedrooms large or small?
.....

- 4 Are the buildings around it tall?
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Speaker C

- 1 Is this house different from those around it?
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- 2 Which room does the speaker say is bright?
.....
- 3 What shape is the bottom of the staircase?
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