

Look at the pictures and complete the description of the house. Use the words given in the appropriate form.



attic



lawn



study



bedroom



suburbs



luxurious



fireplace



dining room



drive



balcony

I live in a big yellow house in the (1) _____. Our house has many windows and a(n) (2) _____ that overlooks a big garden with some old trees. On the ground floor there is a kitchen, a hall, a cosy living room with antique furniture and an open (3) _____, a(n) (4) _____ where we have all our meals, a toilet and a(n) (5) _____ with a computer and lots of books in a bookcase. In front of the house there is a garden, a(n) (6) _____ where we park the car and a small pond with goldfish. On the first floor there are three (7) _____, a bathroom, and a toilet. On the second floor there is a(n) (8) _____ which has all kinds of old things. Behind the house there is a huge (9) _____ where we can have picnics. Our house is very spacious and (10) _____.

Match the words in the box with definitions 1–6.

shed spare room hall porch attic cellar

- 1 We store things there that we don't need very often. We use a narrow ladder to get up there when we need to. _____
- 2 My dad likes to keep his wine there because it's nice and cool. _____
- 3 This is outside the entrance to our house so that people don't get wet at the front door. _____
- 4 When you come into the house, you hang your coat here. _____
- 5 Dad has this at the bottom of the garden. He repairs things there. _____
- 6 Our friends stay there when they come to visit. _____

Match the definitions with the types of home below.

bungalow flat mansion semi-detached house
terraced house thatched cottage

- 1 a set of rooms usually on one floor, often in a tower block _____
- 2 a house which shares one wall with another to form a pair of houses _____
- 3 a house without stairs which is on one level _____
- 4 a small, old house with a roof made of straw _____
- 5 a house in a line of similar houses _____
- 6 a very large house _____

TYPES OF HOUSES AND FLATS

Match the types of houses and flats to their definitions.

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| 1 apartment | 5 detached house |
| 2 studio flat | 6 semi-detached house |
| 3 block of flats | 7 mansion |
| 4 cottage | 8 skyscraper |

- a a house that's joined to another house on one side
- b a small house in the country
- c a house that's not joined to another building
- d a large, impressive house
- e a building containing many apartments
- f a very tall city building
- g flat
- h a small apartment with one main room used for both living and sleeping

Replace the underlined words with the adjectives below.

charming contemporary cosy
cramped dilapidated lively

- 1 We've just bought a very attractive old farmhouse which we're going to restore. _____
- 2 The living room looked extremely warm and inviting in the firelight. _____
- 3 I'm looking for a place in a fun and exciting part of town. _____
- 4 Nobody has lived in the family home for years, so today it looks in very bad condition. _____
- 5 Their living quarters are uncomfortably small because four of them are sharing the same room. _____
- 6 She lives in a flat in a modern building which is very conveniently located. _____

Complete the sentences with the words below.

attic basement conservatory drive
fence landing patio shutters

- 1 We often have lunch outside on the _____ when the weather is fine.
- 2 There's a wooden _____ around the garden to keep people out.
- 3 They're building a _____ onto the outside of their house.
- 4 His flat doesn't get a lot of light because it's in the _____.
- 5 Go up the stairs to the _____ and the bathroom is on the left.
- 6 All of my old toys are up in the _____.
- 7 It's dark in here because I haven't opened the _____ yet.
- 8 Our garage is full of old furniture, so we have to leave our car on the _____.

VOCABULARY Match nine of the words below with meanings 1–8. Check the meaning of all the words.

Describing houses and rooms beautifully restored
charming contemporary conveniently located
cosy cramped dilapidated impressive
peaceful popular / lively area remote spacious
substantial tiny

- 1 uncomfortably small
- 2 very small
- 3 quiet
- 4 far from other places

- 5 modern
- 6 in a good location
- 7 in very bad condition
- 8 large (two words)