

# Around the house



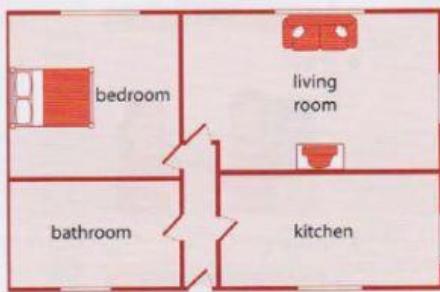
Look at the photo. Which rooms can you see? Choose from the words in the box.

bathroom • bedroom  
dining room • garage • garden  
hall • kitchen • living room



armchair • bath • bed • CD player  
chair • clock • computer  
cooker • cupboard • desk  
dishwasher • DVD player • fridge  
games console • lamp/light  
microwave • mirror • phone  
painting/poster • radiator  
shelf/shelves • shower • sink  
sofa • table • toilet • TV  
washing machine • window

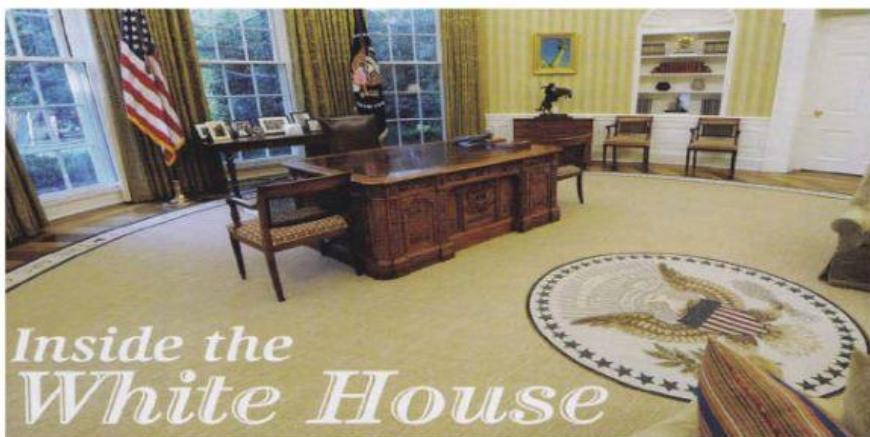
**LISTENING** 23 Listen to someone describing their flat. Complete the diagram with the furniture and objects that they have.



## Reading



Do you know the answers to these questions:



## Inside the White House

The White House is a world-famous house. It's in the capital city of the United States, Washington DC and it's where the President of the US lives and works. We often see pictures of the White House on the news and in films. It's even on the back of the US \$20 bill. But what's it really like to live there?

★ The White House is big! There are 132 rooms and 35 bathrooms, plus 412 doors and 147 windows.

There's a large kitchen in the White House. The chefs can make dinner for 140 people. 140 is the maximum number of people who can sit in the main dining room.

★ The room where the President works is called the Oval Office. The president has got a big desk there. The desk is famous because the wood for it comes from a British ship from about 1850. The desk was a present from Queen Victoria to US President Rutherford in 1880.

★ There are four doors in the Oval Office. One door goes to a small dining room and study. Two of the four doors take you to the West Wing of the White House. In the West Wing, there are offices for the Vice-President and other important people. The fourth door takes you to a rose garden.

★ In the Oval Office, there are famous paintings on the walls. The paintings come from the White House or from other museums. New presidents decide which paintings they want on the walls, and the colour of the walls!

★ Are there rooms in the White House where the President can relax? Yes, there are! There's a small cinema in the East Wing of the White House. There are seats for 42 people. They also have concerts in the East Room. And in the Oval Office there is an unusual tradition. Some US presidents play golf there!



**Read the text again and choose the correct alternative.**

- 1 The President of the US has got an old/a modern desk.
- 2 There is/isn't a very large dining room connected to the Oval Office.
- 3 From the Oval Office, there is/isn't direct access to a place with flowers.
- 4 The West Wing is a place to work/relax.
- 5 The paintings in the Oval Office never/sometimes change.
- 6 The President sometimes watches films/listens to music in the East Room.

#### **SPEAKING What about you?**

- 1 What part of the White House would you like to see? Why?
- 2 What do you know about the place where your President or Prime Minister lives?

Match the sentences to the pictures.



Complete the sentences about the room that you are in now. Use *is*, *are*, *isn't*, *aren't*.

- 1 There ..... a board.
- 2 There ..... two armchairs.
- 3 There ..... three computers.
- 4 There ..... a clock on the wall.
- 5 There ..... a sink.
- 6 There ..... more than fifteen desks.

There's a cat ...

- a **on** the desk.
- b **under** the desk.
- c **near** the chair.
- d **behind** the desk.

- e **in front of** the desk.
- f **next to** the desk.
- g **in** the desk.
- h **above** the desk.

Read about the Burj Khalifa in Dubai. Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

The Burj Khalifa is an incredible tower in Dubai. It's approximately 828 metres tall. That's almost twice the size of the Empire State Building! There (1) ..... 900 homes in the building, plus offices, hotels, restaurants and sports centres. There's a big lake next (2) ..... the tower. They have spectacular shows with fountains and music there. For people who like relaxing (3) ..... the water, there are a number of swimming pools, including an outdoor pool on the 76<sup>th</sup> floor. And for people who love shopping, there's an enormous shopping centre (4) ..... the Burj Khalifa. But there (5) ..... one problem with the Burj Khalifa. Some days, when you look down, you don't see a thing! That's because the top part of the tower is sometimes (6) ..... the clouds and you can't see what's (7) ..... them!

1 A is	B isn't	C are
2 A of	B to	C in
3 A on	B in	C to
4 A near	B next	C on
5 A is	B isn't	C are
6 A above	B on	C under
7 A above	B on	C under



## Jobs around the house

cook • do the ironing • do the shopping  
do the washing • lay the table • make the bed  
take the rubbish out • tidy up • wash the dishes



take



out



make the



do

the

lay the



do

the



do



up

Look at the picture. What are the people doing?  
Use these verbs in the present continuous.



Write six sentences saying how often you do  
these jobs around the house. Make two of your  
sentences false.

*I always take the rubbish out.  
I usually make my bed.*

do homework • do the ironing • draw • eat  
play computer games • brush teeth  
take the rubbish out • wash the dishes

- 1 Dexter .....
- 2 Mum .....
- 3 Lucas and Harry .....
- 4 Dad .....
- 5 Megan .....
- 6 Billy .....

**Put the words in order to make questions.**

- 1 doing is What Billy?
- 2 drawing What is Dexter?
- 3 Lucas Harry golf Are playing and?
- 4 Mum Is the rubbish out taking?
- 5 is Megan doing What?
- 6 doing is Who the ironing?

**L****I****S****T****E****N****I****N****G**  **28 Listen to three phone conversations.**

**In which conversation is it possible for Jessica to speak to Tom? What problems does she have in the other two conversations?**

Complete

**Conversation 1**

**Mr Harris:** Hello.

Jessica: Hello. Is that Mr. Harris?

**Mr Harris:** (a) .....

Jessica: Hello. This is Jessica, Tom's friend.

(b) .....

**Mr Harris:** No, he isn't. He's having his piano lesson at the moment.

Jessica: (c) .....

**Mr Harris:** Yes, of course.

Jessica: Can you tell him to call me at home?

**Mr Harris:** OK. Has he got your home number?

Jessica: No, I don't think so. (d) .....

**Mr Harris:** 453 720. OK, that's fine.

Jessica: Thanks!

## Reading

### Read about a special school.

- 1 Why is the school special?
- 2 Do you like the school? Why/Why not?

Every summer, 15-year-old Luke Jones goes to a school. But he doesn't study maths, English or history at this school. The school is a special football academy and Luke studies how to play football. Football is Luke's favourite free-time activity. One day he wants to be a professional football player.

At the academy Luke begins at nine o'clock. His parents take him to the academy. It's inside a special sports centre. But his mum and dad don't stay because the teachers don't want parents to watch the lessons.

The first lesson begins. It's a training session. Luke does special exercises with the ball. At 11 o'clock the students stop and have water, fruit and an energy bar. From 11.45 to 12.45 they play football again. At 12.45 Luke and his friends have lunch. They have a special lunch to give them energy to do more exercise in the afternoon.

After lunch, from 1.45 to 2.30, they don't play football. They play other sports. But from 2.30 to 3.30 they have a football match. Then it's time to have a shower and go home. Luke usually goes home by bus. In the evening, Luke usually watches football on TV or he sometimes plays one of his computer games. It's always a computer game about football, of course!



Read the text again. Are these sentences True (T), False (F) or is the information Not Mentioned (NM) in the text?

1	Luke doesn't like normal subjects like maths, English or history.	T/F/NM
2	Luke goes to the academy by bus.	T/F/NM
3	Luke has his football lessons in a sports centre.	T/F/NM
4	Luke's mum and dad watch him in the training sessions.	T/F/NM
5	Luke and the other students have a break in the morning.	T/F/NM
6	They don't play football in the afternoon.	T/F/NM
7	Luke has his shower at home.	T/F/NM
8	Luke has three football computer games.	T/F/NM