

UNIT 11 D

WRITING SKILLS

2 Describe the pictures. Which home would you prefer to stay in? Why?



3 Read the description on a house exchange website. Which home from exercise 2 does it describe?



Homes away from home



Two-bedroom apartment in downtown Chicago

About our home

Our home is an attractive two-bedroom apartment, very near downtown Chicago. It's a 20-minute walk from the Willis Tower, where there is an amazing view of the city.

The main bedroom has its own bathroom and a double bed with plain white cotton sheets. Although the second bedroom is slightly smaller, it's bright and has two comfortable single beds. There's a fashionable leather sofa and two large armchairs in the modern living room. The spacious, up-to-date kitchen includes everything you'll need, including an electric oven, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, and a new Italian coffeemaker. Glass doors open from the kitchen onto a gorgeous, sunny balcony, where you can have a relaxing breakfast.

The apartment is on a peaceful street, but it's just a few minutes away from Chicago's famous Miracle Mile, known for its stores, hotels, and some excellent restaurants. The train station is also close by, so this is an ideal place if you want to explore all of Chicago's attractions.

7 reviews



2 bedrooms



Sleeps 4



2 bathrooms

4 A Read the text again. Find words that mean the same as adjectives 1–6.

1 big _____

4 very good _____

2 beautiful _____

5 light _____

3 quiet _____

6 modern _____

Skill making writing interesting

We can use different techniques to make our writing more interesting.

- Use a variety of adjectives to describe things: *a gorgeous, sunny balcony*
- Use synonyms to avoid repeating words: *two large armchairs, the spacious kitchen*
- Use linkers to give reasons and results (*so, because, that's why*), to contrast information (*but, although, however*) or add information (*and, also, too, as well*).
- When you describe a place, use *where* and an example of what you can do: *a balcony, where you can have a relaxing breakfast*