

Lesson **D** Reading 



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• **Tiny Homes**

In the United States, everything is big. Cars are big, hamburgers are big, and houses are big. The average home in the US is 2,690 square feet, but now a new type of house is popular—the tiny home. Tiny homes are very small houses. They are only 100–400 square feet! They use very little energy. They are also cheap. Tiny houses from *Tumbleweed Tiny Homes* in California are only \$57,000 to \$69,000. An average house in California is about \$500,000.

The average American home has two or three bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, a dining room, two bathrooms, and a yard or a balcony. But inside these tiny homes is very different. Zyl Vardos is a designer of tiny homes in Washington State. In his tiny homes, there is a living room with a kitchen and there is a bedroom upstairs. There isn't a dining room or a hall. There isn't a big closet or space for a big kitchen table. There is only a very small bathroom. These houses are very small, but for some people they are the perfect size.