



WHITE HOUSE



THE WHITE HOUSE DAY BY DAY

The White House is open to visitors. It is free. About 6,000 people a day visit. The President meets special guests in the East Room, and he talks to journalists in the Press Room.

About 150 people work for the President in the West Wing and for the First Lady in the East Wing. Another 100 people look after the building day and night.

There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and five kitchens, all on six floors. There are three elevators*. The State Dining Room is big enough for 140 guests.

Outside, gardeners grow fruit and vegetables. There is also a tennis court, a jogging track, and a swimming pool. Inside there is a movie theater*, a billiard room, a bowling alley, and a library. As former President Reagan said,

'The White House is like an eight-star hotel!'

* elevator (US) = lift * movie theater (US) = cinema

Language work

6 Ask and answer questions about things in the White House.

- a cinema
- many offices
- many bathrooms
- a swimming pool
- a library
- any elevators
- a tennis court
- a vegetable garden

Is there a cinema?

Yes, there is.

Are there many offices?

Yes, there are a lot.

7 Match a **verb** with a **place**. Make sentences.

You can cook in the kitchen.

Verb	Place
cook	bedroom
sleep	office
have a shower	dining room
relax	living room
eat	garden
work	kitchen
read	bathroom
grow vegetables	library

Project

Research a famous building in your country. Where is it? Is it a government building? A cathedral? A museum?

Tell the other students about it.

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