

INTERMEDIATE PLUS 1

MID-TERM TEST - 2025

READING

My favourite room

Two readers tell us about their favourite rooms.

Ken

I live in an old house, which I inherited from my auntie a few years ago. I enjoyed spending time there when I was growing up because it was such a friendly place. She loved socialising and I think the house reflects that. That's because there's only one main room downstairs which contains a kitchen, dining area and living room. It's like a big social space where family and friends could get together for afternoon teas and Sunday lunches. There were photographs of family occasions everywhere, as well as the little glass objects that she collected. I always thought they were useless, but they gave her a lot of pleasure!

For me, that room brings back happy memories, which is why I've kept it almost the same. The long wooden table, which can fit twelve people around it, has been there for years. We eat most of our family meals there, but it's also ideal for dinner parties because of its size. The only thing I've changed is the sofa because the old one was damaged after years of use. The new one is huge and there's enough space for five or six people to sit there comfortably. After dinner, we take our coffees over to the sofa, where we can carry on chatting.

Vero

After a busy day at work, it's important to relax, which is why my favourite room is my bedroom. It's not a particularly big room, but I love lying down in there and losing myself in my thoughts. In fact, it's so special to me that I've even stopped my kids playing in there. I spend my life picking up clothes and toys in their bedrooms and I don't want to do it in my own room! My husband thinks I'm being unfair, but I think having personal space is important for my mental health.

I'm a big fan of a certain Swedish furniture shop, and most of my bedroom furniture is from there. In my opinion, the white wardrobe and chest of drawers makes the room feel bright, even on dark winter days. Although they're not made of genuine wood, I believe they still bring some style to the room. The thing that gives me most pleasure, though, is the big iron bed, which belonged to my mother. She wanted to sell it, but I persuaded her to give it to me. It's my favourite possession and I appreciate its beautiful design and strength.

Read the article. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1 Ken's house has three separate rooms downstairs. | T / F |
| 2 Ken's auntie enjoyed having glass objects in her house. | T / F |
| 3 Ken's favourite room has changed little since his auntie lived there. | T / F |
| 4 Ken usually continues talking at the table after dinner. | T / F |
| 5 Vero sometimes lets her children play in her bedroom. | T / F |
| 6 Vero often has to move things from the floor of her children's bedroom. | T / F |
| 7 Vero's bedroom furniture is made from real wood. | T / F |
| 8 Vero's favourite piece of furniture is a metal bed. | T / F |