

## WRITING: MAKING WRITING INTERESTING

1 Read David's description of his friend's house and complete it with the words in the box.

so (x 2) because but although however and also as well

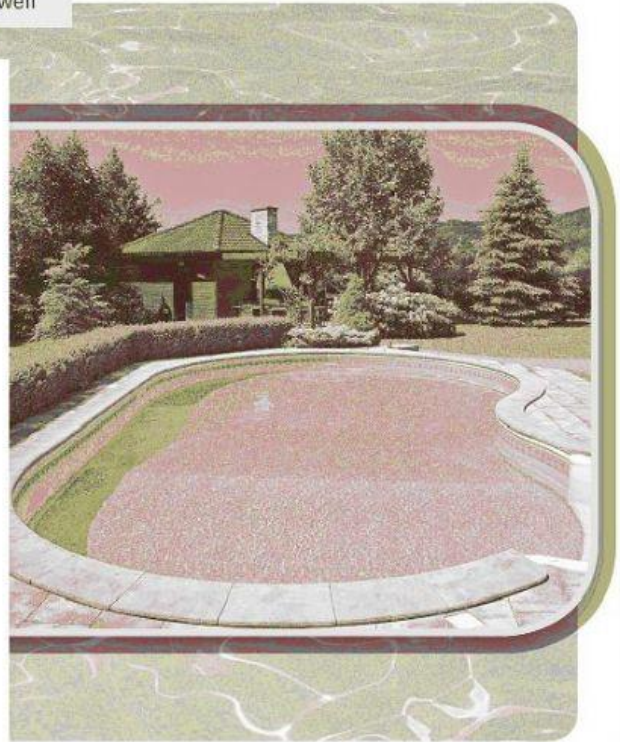
### Michael's house

My friend Michael lives with his parents in a big modern house just outside the city. I think it's an excellent place to live <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's really peaceful there, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's still easy to get to the city on the bus.

Michael's mom is an excellent gardener, and they have a gorgeous yard with lots of flowers. It <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ has a large swimming pool, where we often hang out on the weekends.

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the rooms in Michael's house are spacious, they're still very comfortable. In Michael's room, there's an old leather sofa <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lots of soft red velvet cushions. There's a lovely thick rug, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

All the rooms have big windows <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they're bright and airy. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, most of them have thick, black blinds, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you can make the rooms dark if you want to. That's especially useful in the living room, where we often watch movies.



2 Order the adjectives to complete the sentences.

- 1 He owns a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ bed.  
(huge/amazing/square)
- 2 Her bedroom has \_\_\_\_\_ curtains.  
(pale green/silk/fashionable)
- 3 My house contains a \_\_\_\_\_ living area.  
(spacious/modern)
- 4 Their home is full of \_\_\_\_\_ furniture.  
(old/oak/beautiful)
- 5 She uses \_\_\_\_\_ sheets on the beds.  
(Egyptian/white/cotton)
- 6 I don't like the \_\_\_\_\_ window frames.  
(horrible/plastic/modern)
- 7 On the table there is a \_\_\_\_\_ vase.  
(Chinese/large/round)
- 8 The dining room has a \_\_\_\_\_ carpet.  
(blue/gorgeous)

3 Find these words in the text and match them with synonyms a–d.

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| 1 spacious | _____ | a spend time |
| 2 gorgeous | _____ | b reach      |
| 3 hang out | _____ | c large      |
| 4 get to   | _____ | d beautiful  |

Write a description of a home you like.

- Use adjectives in the correct order.
- Use synonyms to avoid repeating words.
- 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*).
- Include a sentence with *where* and what you can do in a particular place.