READING COMPREHENSION – UNIT 2



▲ These houses are very small.

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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text. Circle the correct answers.

1. A tiny home is a (small / big) house.
2. Tiny homes (are / aren't) popular in the US now.
3. An average house in California is about ($67,000 / $500,000).
4. There (are / aren't) two bedrooms.
5. The kitchen in a tiny home (is / isn't) in the living room.
6. There (are / aren't) big closets.

Read the text again. Complete the table.

	An average American house	A tiny home
size (square feet)		
cost ($)		
number of bedrooms		
number of bathrooms		

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

California cars dining room upstairs Washington State yard

1. In America, _____ and houses are usually big.
2. *Tumbleweed Tiny Homes* is in _____.
3. In the average American home, there is an outside space, like a _____ or balcony.
4. Zyl Vardos is a designer in _____.
5. In his tiny homes, there is a bedroom _____.
6. There isn't a _____ in a tiny home.

LIVEWORKSHEETS