

UNIT 5B – LISTENING: LIVING SPACE

Complete the blanks with vocabulary of living space and grammar of real conditionals and comparisons:

Jan: This is Jan Jones here again on Modern Living! This week we're going to hear about something people have been talking a lot about recently – living small! Nick Price and Trisha Morris are here with me to give us their views on what's good and bad about living in a small space. Nick, let's hear from you. What sort of home are we talking about here?

Nick: Well basically – a small place to live in. It could be a one-roomed flat in a large 1....., a 2..... in other words. Or a country 3..... or a 4..... house. And some people say that for a lot of reasons, it's 5..... to live small!

Jan: Really?

Nick: Well, usually people want to live in big houses with big rooms, so everyone in the family can have their own room, for example, but the truth is when you live in a small space you don't need so many things. For example, you don't have so much furniture. You just need a sofa, a bed, a table and some chairs. Then it's much 6..... The bills 7..... so high if you live in a small space. In fact, for this reason, I'm moving into a 8..... next month.

Jan: Right, so your electricity bills will be much 9..... because you won't have so many rooms if you 10..... small, and in winter your 11..... will cost 12..... if you live in a studio. I guess you 13..... usually pay a high rent if you live in a small house or flat either, so you'll be able to spend 14..... on having fun if you don't have to pay so much rent!

Nick: That's right. And last but not least, if your home's small, you 15..... have to spend so much time cleaning. Not doing so much housework will make me much 16..... too! Give me a tiny home every time!

Jan: Hmm ... what do you think Trisha?

Trisha: Well I think that 17..... you're a very tidy person, a really small house will become messy very quickly. If the house is small, there may not be room for all your things. Where will you put them when you don't have much space? Of course, when you live on your own, you don't need a lot of different rooms. But what about a family? Unless everyone 18..... their own room, things could get very difficult! Even a couple might find it difficult to live in a very small space. And there 19..... be room if a friend wants to stay. No – I like a big home, not a small one!

Jan: Well, thanks, Nick and Trisha. So ... all of you listeners out there – what do you think? Are 20..... homes the way to go? Or is it better to have a lot of space? Text or call us on ...