



## PUBLIC VENUES

## THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME

– Which of these do you think are an essential part of a house? Which are not essential?

- An attic
- A balcony
- A lot of space
- Central heating
- A fireplace
- Shutters
- A garage
- A patio/terrace
- A beautiful view

## VOCABULARY

1. Explain the difference between these words.

outskirts – suburb  
roof – ceiling  
basement – ground floor

balcony – deck  
chimney – fireplace  
wood – wooden



2. Match these the types of houses with their definitions.

apartment / penthouse / bungalow / loft apartment / detached / castle /  
semi-detached / studio / cottage / palace / terraced house

- |                                                                                                   |                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| a) a small house in the country                                                                   | h) a house which was built to keep the inhabitants safe |
| b) a house with no stairs                                                                         | i) a house which was built for rich or grand people     |
| d) a house which is part of a bigger building                                                     | j) a house which is on the top of a tall building       |
| e) a house which is not joined to another house                                                   | k) a house which was an industrial building             |
| f) a house which is joined to another house on one side                                           | l) a small one-room flat                                |
| g) a house which is joined to other houses on two sides/a house which is part of a line of houses |                                                         |

3. Look at the adverts carefully and find the next word or words that follow the given vocabulary items. Explain their meaning.

- 1) *high-speed* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) *rooftop* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) *state-of-the-art* \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) *spacious* \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) *park-line* \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) *wall-to-wall* \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) *all utilities* \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) *controlled* \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) *walk to* \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) *parking* \_\_\_\_\_



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4. Complete the following phrases with *house* or *home*.

- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) <i>feel at</i> _____      | 9) _____ <i>land</i>              |
| 2) _____ <i>hold</i>         | 10) _____ <i>mate/holder</i>      |
| 3) _____ <i>less</i>         | 11) _____ <i>warming</i>          |
| 4) _____ <i>ful</i>          | 12) _____ <i>-keeping</i>         |
| 5) _____ <i>sick</i>         | 13) _____ <i>-made</i>            |
| 6) <i>party</i> _____        | 14) _____ <i>coming</i>           |
| 7) _____ <i>stead</i>        | 15) <i>work from</i> _____        |
| 8) _____ <i>wife/husband</i> | 16) <i>make yourself at</i> _____ |



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## 5. Complete the following sentences using the idioms given below.

*safe as houses / get on like a house on fire / on the house / to make yourself at home / to hit home / home truth / homesick / the lights are on but nobody's home*

- 1) "Those two \_\_\_\_\_, they're always laughing together."
- 2) "Don't expect John to answer, look at him! – \_\_\_\_\_".
- 3) "The criticism of her performance really began to \_\_\_\_\_."
- 4) "Sorry we brought you the wrong meal, this one is \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 5) "This plan is as \_\_\_\_\_. It can't fail!"
- 6) "He only went away for two weeks, but was terribly \_\_\_\_\_."
- 7) "Come in! \_\_\_\_\_. Can I get you a drink?"
- 8) "She's going to have to sit down and hear some \_\_\_\_\_."

## READING

## 6. Have you ever thought what your ideal house should be like? Read the ideas of these people and match them to the appropriate paragraphs. Are they have similar to your ideal home image?



*Natalie wants to have spacious accommodation, somewhere far from bustle. It sounds quite majestic and dreamlike; however she wants the house to have all the **up-to-date improvements**.*



*Irene wants to live in a comfortable place, in the countryside. She doesn't want it to be large, but big enough to have some friends round, and some space for kids' pastime.*

*Greg wants to have a rural household somewhere off-the-grid, he doesn't mind it to be **divorced from the comforts** of the 21st century. He wants to hold some animal stock and grow some crops.*



\_\_\_\_\_, "For me, it's absolutely easy to say what my idea of a perfect house is. I've been dreaming about it since my childhood. I was brought up in such a house. My house should be my home, first of all. I mean it should be the place where I feel comfortable and welcome. I dream about a cosy house in the centre of a small quiet town, not very big but large enough for me and my family. I think it should have three bedrooms, a kitchen, a sitting room, and a big dining room with a large table. I like to entertain guests and **to treat** them **to** something tasty – that's what I need a big dining room for. I would also like to have a small garden with flowers and fruit trees, with an **arbour** and some comfortable benches. There should also be a lawn and a play yard for children."

\_\_\_\_\_, "Well, let me think... It should be large, first of all ... a mansion, I think, somewhere in an isolated place, a two or three-storey building with a balcony, columns and things like that. It's even better if it looks like a castle with towers and gates, and high walls. It's so romantic! Plenty of rooms, **staircases**, an attic and a basement. It would be great if it was a real old house where ghosts live, like in fairy-tales. I could feel like a princess. But there should be all those modern conveniences like central heating, electricity, cold and hot water, gas, **landline** and Internet access."

\_\_\_\_\_, "The house of my dream? Well, it would be a farm or **ranch**, I think. It'll be situated near a forest, a river or a lake. You know, I like nature. The house should be a simple one, not very big, but with a large yard and fields around. I don't need all the modern conveniences, for I won't spend much time in there. I'd like to have some cottages or **cabins** also to have some rest when I get tired. There should be a garden to grow fruit and vegetables. But the main thing is the barnyard, to keep cows, sheep, horses, and pigs. I like animals and I like to take care of them."

## 7. Match the synonyms to the words in colour in the text.

*flight of stairs / tiny house / telephone cable / modern / remote / without conveniences / give food and drinks / bettering / summer house / farm*