

## HK VOCABULARIES

### Rooms in a House

word	meaning	bahasa
<b>attic</b>	storage room at the very top of the house	
<b>basement</b>	the lowest level of the house	
<b>bathroom, washroom</b>	the room for bathing and using the toilet	
<b>bedroom</b>	the room where people sleep	
<b>dining room</b>	room with a table and chairs for eating; in some houses this room is only used on special occasions	
<b>hallway</b>	long narrow area that joins one room to another	
<b>kitchen</b>	place for preparing food; sometimes has a table and chairs for eating informal meals	
<b>living room; family room</b>	place where family spends leisure time; often has a TV, also used for entertaining	
<b>lobby</b>	area in the front entrance for hanging coats and placing shoes	
<b>master bedroom</b>	the largest bedroom in the house; used by parents	
<b>nursery</b>	room for baby or young child	
<b>pantry</b>	room off the kitchen for keeping dry foods and storage items	
<b>patio</b>	outdoor area in front or backyard; usually sits slightly off the ground; often made of wood	
<b>playroom</b>	room filled with toys; books and games; indoor area for kids to play	
<b>rec room</b>	often in basement; extra room for watching TV and playing games such as billiards or ping pong	
<b>sunroom</b>	enclosed room with large windows; often used for relaxation, visiting, or reading	

### Furniture and Decor

word	meaning	bahasa
<b>bed</b>	long frame with a mattress on top for sleeping; has blankets and pillows for comfort	
<b>bookshelf, bookcase</b>	tall wooden piece used for holding books	
<b>chair</b>	various types of furniture used for sitting on	
<b>change table</b>	surface found in the nursery, used for changing a baby's diaper	
<b>couch/sofa</b>	long comfortable piece for sitting on; found in common rooms	
<b>counter</b>	surface in the kitchen; used for preparing food and holding small appliances	
<b>cupboards</b>	storage area with doors; used for holding food, dishes, cleaning supplies, etc.	
<b>desk</b>	piece used for doing work and holding papers, books, writing tools; usually found in an office	
<b>dresser, bureau</b>	piece of furniture for holding folded clothing	
<b>entertainment centre</b>	piece of furniture for holding television, stereo, and other electronic devices	
<b>fireplace</b>	square opening on a wall to hold a fire and warm up the home; may be electric, gas, or wood	
<b>mirrors</b>	special glass placed on a wall or counter, used for viewing one's self	
<b>pictures, paintings</b>	decorations hung on walls or placed on surfaces; often framed	
<b>shelves</b>	long surfaces for organizing and storing household items	
<b>tub, bathtub</b>	found in bathrooms, a large area where you lie down and wash your body	
<b>window sills, ledges</b>	long shelf-like surface beneath a window	

### Household Appliances

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<b>dishwasher</b>	electric appliance that washes dishes; can be "built-in" (under a sink) or "portable" (moved and attached to the sink when in use)	
<b>dryer</b>	electric appliance used to dry laundry	
<b>fridge</b>	electric appliance used for keeping food cold	
<b>freezer</b>	electric appliance used for keeping food frozen (very cold)	
<b>garbage disposal</b>	located inside a drain; chops up bits of food into small pieces to fit down the pipes	
<b>microwave</b>	electric appliance for cooking food quickly	
<b>oven</b>	electric appliance for baking and heating food	
<b>stove, range</b>	elements on top of an oven for heating, frying, and boiling food	
<b>washing machine</b>	electric appliance for cleaning laundry	

### Cleaning Supplies

word	meaning	
<b>baking soda</b>	white powder used for cleaning and removing odours	
<b>bleach</b>	liquid added in small amounts to water; has strong chemicals that remove stains on white clothing; also used to clean bathrooms	
<b>broom</b>	brush with a long handle on it for sweeping floors	
<b>carpet cleaner</b>	foam or liquid soap used on rugs and carpets	
<b>deodorizer</b>	product that removes bad smells from a room; often scented	
<b>dishwashing detergent</b>	liquid or powder soap that goes into a dishwasher	

<b>dust pan</b>	flat container used for collecting dirt and dust swept up with a broom	
<b>duster</b>	a cleaning tool with a handle and feathers (or a soft cloth) used for wiping dust off surfaces	
<b>garbage or trash bag</b>	large, heavy bag for collecting the household garbage	
<b>garbage or trash bin</b>	container with a lid that holds large garbage bags	
<b>gloves</b>	coverings for the hands, with separate holes for the fingers	
<b>hose</b>	a long tube that fills with water; often kept outside and used for outdoor cleaning	
<b>laundry detergent</b>	powder or liquid soap used for cleaning clothes and linen	
<b>mop</b>	long stick with a sponge at the bottom that is soaked in water and soap; used for cleaning floors	
<b>recycling bin</b>	a container that holds paper, tins, glass, and other garbage that can be reused	
<b>scouring pads</b>	tough cleaning pads used for scrubbing pots, pans, and ovens	
<b>scrub brush</b>	a brush with a handle on it; often used for cleaning toilets	
<b>sponge</b>	a soft cleaning product that absorbs water and is used for washing surfaces	
<b>stain remover</b>	laundry product used specifically on spots that regular laundry detergent cannot clean (stains include red wine or blood)	
<b>vacuum cleaner</b>	a machine that sucks up dust and dirt on the floor as you push it around	
<b>vinegar</b>	a clear sour tasting liquid mixed with water and used for cleaning; environmentally friendly alternative to store bought cleaners	

### Linen and Laundry

word	meaning	bahasa
<b>bath towel</b>	large towel used for drying the body after a shower or bath	
<b>face cloth or wash cloth</b>	small, square shaped towel or cloth used for washing the face and hands	
<b>fitted sheet</b>	sheet with elastic that goes on top of the mattress and stays in place	
<b>fold</b> <i>verb</i>	make articles of clothing small and neat for storage	
<b>hand towel</b>	a towel hung in the bathroom; used for drying hands	
<b>hanger</b> <i>noun</i>	a wire or plastic hook used for hanging clothes in a closet	
<b>iron</b> <i>noun and verb</i>	an electric appliance used for making clothes flat; to remove wrinkles	
<b>king size</b>	the largest size bed or bed covering	
<b>laundry</b> <i>noun</i> <i>do the laundry</i>	the washing of clothing	
<b>pillow case</b>	a covering similar to a sheet that protects the head cushion	
<b>queen size</b>	large size bed and bed covering (smaller than king, larger than double)	
<b>sheet</b> <i>noun</i>	a light cover on the bed	
<b>single</b>	smallest bed or bed covering size; made for one person	



<b>stain</b> <i>noun</i>	a spot that is difficult to clean	
<b>top sheet</b>	the sheet that goes on top of the fitted sheet and under a heavier blanket	
<b>twin size</b>	bed or bed covering size that is larger than a single and smaller than a double; used for one person	

#### Describing Words for Housekeepers

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<b>allergic</b>	when a person must stay away from a certain food or cleaning product because it can cause them to get very sick	Our daughter is <b>allergic</b> to that laundry detergent.	
<b>clean</b>	remove dirt and stains	When the kitchen is <b>clean</b> I will start on the laundry.	
<b>clogged, plugged</b>	when something is blocking the hole of a tube or pipe	The kitchen drain is <b>clogged</b> with potato skins.	
<b>damp</b>	a little bit wet	I hung up your suit, but it is still a little <b>damp</b> .	
<b>dirty</b>	opposite of clean	The floors are <b>dirty</b> because the kids walked through with their boots on.	
<b>dusty</b>	when furniture and surfaces are covered with a small layer of matter	The office furniture upstairs is very <b>dusty</b> .	
<b>filthy</b>	very dirty	The bathroom is <b>filthy</b> because we went away for the weekend and left the kids at home.	

<b>messy</b>	out of order, opposite of neat and tidy	The children's rooms are <b>messy</b> , but it's their job to clean them.	
<b>neat, tidy (often expressed as "neat and tidy")</b>	in good order, opposite of messy	Thank you for leaving the house so <b>neat and tidy</b> .	
<b>slippery</b>	surface that is wet or polished and is easy to fall on	I just mopped, so the floors are a bit <b>slippery</b> .	
<b>soapy</b>	covered with lots of soap bubbles	Can you rinse the dishes again? They are still <b>soapy</b> .	
<b>wet</b>	filled or covered with water, opposite of dry	I put the dryer on twice but the clothes are still <b>wet</b> .	
<b>environmentally friendly</b>	good for the world, doesn't contain strong chemicals	We only use cleaning products that are <b>environmentally</b> friendly.	

#### Action Words for Housekeepers

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<b>clean; clean up</b>	remove dirt, dust, and other messes	After you <b>clean up</b> the kitchen you can take your break.	
<b>dry</b>	take the water out of something	Please <b>dry</b> the dishes fully before you put them away in the cupboards.	
<b>dust</b>	remove the dust from surfaces such as furniture	I'm sorry I forgot to <b>dust</b> the entertainment stand last week.	
<b>finish; complete</b>	have no more work to do	I'm <b>finished</b> everything on the list, so I guess I'll be going home now.	

<b>freshen up</b>	make a room smell and look more inviting	The master bedroom is relatively clean, but you could <b>freshen it up</b> a little.	
<b>hang; hang up</b>	organize and store items (often clothes) by putting them on hooks and hangers	After you have folded the laundry, please <b>hang</b> the guest towels in the washroom.	
<b>mop; mop up</b>	clean the floors with soap and water	The dishwasher flooded, so I <b>mopped up</b> the water.	
<b>organize</b>	sort or put away in a neat and tidy manner	I <b>organized</b> the indoor and outdoor shoes.	
<b>polish</b>	wipe with a special cleaner that makes something (such as floors) shine; remove smudges or prints	Make sure to <b>polish</b> the silverware before you put it away.	
<b>rinse</b>	pour water over something for a long time to remove soap	You'll have to <b>rinse</b> the dishes a little better. My coffee tasted soapy today.	
<b>sanitize; sterilize</b>	remove any bacteria or other harmful substances that could cause illness, often by using boiling water or a special cleaner	You have to <b>sterilize</b> the baby bottles in boiling water.	
<b>scrub</b>	use a lot of physical energy and a heavy cleaning tool to remove dirt or stains	You'll have to <b>scrub</b> the upstairs tub because it's pretty dirty.	
<b>tidy; tidy up</b>	make a room or area look neat by organizing and putting things away	You don't need to vacuum the family room, but you could <b>tidy up</b> the books and toys.	
<b>vacuum</b>	use a special hose that sucks up dust and dirt from the floors and furniture	Please pick up large items like coins before you <b>vacuum</b> the basement.	



<b>wash</b>	make clean with water and soap	Please <b>wash</b> the windows with water and vinegar.	
<b>water</b>	pour water onto plants or grass	You forgot to <b>water</b> the indoor and outdoor plants.	
<b>wipe; wipe up</b>	clean up a mess or spill	Don't use bleach to <b>wipe</b> the counters.	