

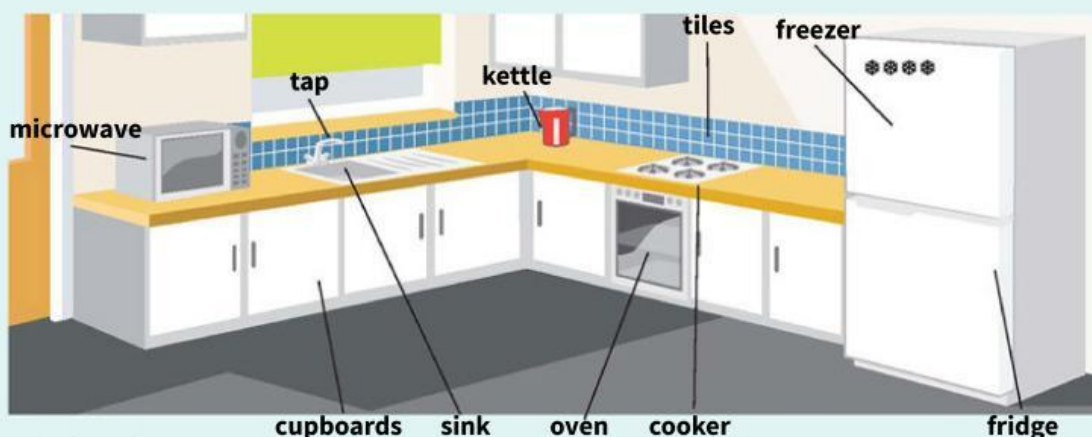
A

Different homes

“When we first got married, we lived in a one-bedroom flat with a small kitchen, a living room and a bathroom. When our first child was born, she had to **share** our bedroom. [use something at the same time as someone else] Now we live in a four-bedroom house. Our bedroom has an **en-suite bathroom** [a bathroom connected to the bedroom], our two teenage children have their **own** rooms [they do not have to share], we have a **spare room** for guests, and another bathroom. Downstairs, there's a living room, a dining room and a **study** [a room where people can work]. We've also got a lovely big kitchen with a fridge-freezer, a cooker with two ovens and a **dishwasher** [a machine for washing dishes]. Next to it, there's a small **utility room** where we keep the **washing machine**.”

Language help

We usually talk about a **sink** in the kitchen, but a **(wash)basin** in the bathroom.



B

Choices*

* when you decide between two or more possibilities

WHAT DO YOU PREFER?

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Some people like big soft **sofas**¹ with lots of **cushions**²,

some people like **firm** (opp **soft**) **armchairs**.

Do you like a **wooden floor**³ with a **rug**⁴,

or a **carpet**?

Curtains,

or **blinds**?

A **duvet**,

or a **sheet**⁵ and a **blanket**⁶?
One **pillow**⁷, or two?

Exercises

18.1 You are in the kitchen. Where would you put these things?

- 1 milk? *in the fridge*
- 2 food that you want to heat very quickly?
- 3 meat that you are going to cook?
- 4 dirty clothes?
- 5 dirty saucepans?
- 6 clean cups and saucers
- 7 frozen food that you want to keep for several weeks?

18.2 What are these things, and which room(s) do you usually find them in?

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18.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 I'm happy with curtains or *blinds*; I really don't mind.
- 2 We used to have a floor, but it was a bit noisy so we put down a carpet.
- 3 When I got my new bedroom, my mum gave me a of curtains or blinds.
- 4 My mum works at home, so she spends all day in the on the computer.
- 5 As a child I had to a room with my sister, but now I've got my bedroom.
- 6 We often have guests to stay, but fortunately we've got a room.
- 7 'Dad, there's no water coming out of the in the kitchen sink.'
- 8 Some people like a sheet and, but I prefer a
- 9 There's a family bathroom, but I've got my own shower room next to the bedroom.
- 10 Our kitchen is small but we have a room for the washing machine.

18.4 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- 1 What have you got on your kitchen floor?
- 2 What have you got on the bathroom floor?
- 3 What have you got on the floor in the living room?
- 4 Have you got curtains or blinds in your bedroom?
- 5 Have you got a duvet or sheets and blankets on your bed?

18.5 Over to you

Look at section B on the opposite page again. Which do you prefer, and why? Compare your answers with someone else if possible.