

“Make yourself at home”



Discuss in pairs or groups

1. Do you like the place where you are living? Why? Why not?
2. How many different homes have you lived in?
3. What is your favourite room/place in your home?
4. What do you like about your home? What don't you like? If you could change anything about your present home, what would it be?
5. What things in your home couldn't you live without? What things in your home could you easily live without?
7. Is every house/flat a home? What makes 'a house'/'flat' into a 'home'?
8. How important is design? Do you think the design of the places we live in affects our emotions or behaviours?
7. Do you think the design of public spaces (like hospitals, parks, or schools) influences the way people feel or interact? How so?

This video shows the connection between design and its impact on people. Pay close attention to the key ideas and answer the questions below.



The School of Life. (2019). Why Design Matters. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6LtABooE2c>

1. Why does the speaker argue that design matters, even when basic necessities are lacking in many parts of the world?
2. How did Protestant and Catholic views on design differ during the 16th and 17th centuries?
3. How does the speaker connect design to our moods and identities?
4. In what way did Nazi architects use design to promote their values, according to the video? What about modern Berlin?
5. What is the relationship between beautiful design and our personal development, as explained in the video?

DIFFERENT HOUSES, DIFFERENT STYLES



On the next page, you'll find a list that includes items and descriptions that reflect the materials, style, and design unique to each type of house. Classify them here (9 for each).

	Contemporary	Traditional
Kitchen		
Living room		
Bedroom		
Bathroom		

LIST OF ITEMS

1. Minimalist wardrobe with sliding mirrored doors
2. Antique grandfather clock
3. Patchwork or knitted blanket
4. Heated towel rack
5. Overstuffed sofa with floral upholstery
6. Knitted throws over armchairs
7. Induction cooktop
8. Hidden storage cabinets
9. Abstract sculpture or decor piece
10. Floor tiles in a neutral tone, like matte grey
11. Pendant lights with a geometric design
12. Sleek bedside tables with wireless charging pads
13. Floral-patterned tea towels
14. Mirror with a gold-colored frame
15. Memory foam mattress
16. Curtains with lace or checkered patterns
17. Wicker baskets for storage
18. Walk-in shower with glass panels and rainfall showerhead
19. Concrete or polished marble flooring
20. Hidden drawer organizers
21. Freestanding tub with a sleek, oval design
22. Bathtub with copper faucet
23. Wall-mounted smart lighting system
24. Bookshelves filled with hardcover books
25. Abstract wall art in metal frames
26. Floral wallpaper
27. Soft, fluffy bathmats in pastel colors
28. Smart refrigerator with touch screen
29. Wicker laundry basket
30. Floral-patterned tea towels
31. Ceramic soap dish with floral patterns
32. Minimalist bar stools with chrome legs
33. Large floor-to-ceiling windows with motorized blinds
34. Floating shelves for decor items
35. Built-in espresso machine
36. Tiled walls with decorative patterns (e.g., Victorian style)
37. Framed family photos in wooden frames
38. Surround sound speakers
39. Smart toilet with bidet functions
40. Wall-mounted flat-screen TV
41. Stainless steel countertops
42. Fireplace with a brick or stone surround
43. Floral wallpaper
44. Table lamp with a fabric lampshade
45. Porcelain dishes and teapot
46. Smart thermostat control panel
47. Coffee table with a glass top and metal base
48. Persian-style area rug
49. Copper pots and pans hanging on a rack
50. Wooden shelving for dishes
51. Modular sofa with clean lines
52. Vintage ceramic sink
53. Oil paintings or pastoral scenes
54. Automatic faucet with motion sensors
55. Built-in LED strip lights around the headboard
56. Built-in electric fireplace
57. Wooden bedside table with intricate carvings
58. Wall-mounted glass sink
59. Vintage medicine cabinet with mirrored doors
60. Handwoven wool rug
61. Worn leather armchair in the corner
62. Neutral-tone area rug with clean lines
63. Soft, fluffy bathmats in pastel colors
64. Smart thermostat control panel
65. Vintage dresser with brass handles
66. Coffee table with ornate carvings
67. Cast-iron stove or range cooker
68. Floor lamp with a stained-glass shade
69. Floral wallpaper
70. Minimalist wardrobe with sliding mirrored doors
71. Antique grandfather clock
72. Curtains with lace or checkered pattern

Imagine your dream home and describe it using all the vocabulary you've learned in this unit.

Location:

Where is your dream home located? (e.g., city, countryside, beach, mountains).

Type of Building:

Is it a modern apartment, a traditional cottage, a chalet...?

Exterior:

Describe what it looks like from the outside (e.g., large windows, a garden, swimming pool, wooden deck).

Interior Design:

Choose a style (e.g., minimalist, vintage, industrial) and describe the vibe.

Rooms:

What are the most important rooms? (e.g., a large kitchen, a cozy bedroom, a home theater).

Must-Haves:

Include at least 5 unique or essential features (e.g., "a library with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves," "an eco-friendly solar roof," "a game room with a pool table").

Special Details:

Add any creative touches (e.g., a secret passage, a rooftop garden, a fireplace).

Use your description as prompts to create an AI-generated image and see how closely it matches the house you had in mind. You can create one image for the exterior and another for the floor plan, including the rooms, furniture, and features.