

What is your dream home?

1. Match the types of homes to their definitions. There are two additional types of homes.

[Go to [eslbrains.com/dream-houses](https://www.eslbrains.com/dream-houses) for images illustrating these types of homes]

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| a) detached house 5 | 1) a luxurious house |
| b) block of flats 4 | 2) one of a row of houses that are joined to each other |
| c) cottage 7 | 3) a van which is adapted for living inside and travelling around |
| d) semi-detached house 6 | 4) a building that consists of many flats |
| e) farmhouse | 5) a single house not connected to any other building |
| f) mansion | 6) a house that is joined to one other |
| g) camper van 3 | 7) a small house in the country |
| h) villa 1 | |
| i) terraced house 2 | |

2. Write the definitions of the two types of homes not used in ex. 1.

Suggested answers:

farmhouse – a house on a farm

mansion – a very big house

3. Work in pairs. Choose three types of homes and talk about the advantages and disadvantages of living in them. Use the expressions below.

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| • <i>In my opinion,...</i> | • <i>I don't think so</i> |
| • <i>As far as I'm concerned,...</i> | • <i>I suppose...</i> |
| • <i>I think...</i> | • <i>If you ask me,...</i> |

4. Look at the list. Which aspects would be important for you while buying or building your dream home? Choose five aspects and explain why¹.

airy	beautiful yard	big size	central location
cosy rooms	location near water	lots of space	nice neighbours
one floor	pool	price	three bathrooms

¹ yard (AmE) = garden (BrE)

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5. Watch a [video](https://youtu.be/lu7VKkmF5Vg) [https://youtu.be/lu7VKkmF5Vg] and tick which aspects of a dream home from ex. 4 the people mention.

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6. Discuss the following questions.

- There must be more than one bathroom in my dream home. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- Which is more important for you: lots of space in your home or a central location?
- A beautiful yard is a must if you have children. Do you agree?
- Do you have nice neighbours? Do you get on with them?
- One man in the video says: “My dream home will consist of my children being happy and healthy.” Do you agree?



7. Put the words in the box into the correct categories.

at the seaside	beautiful yard	charming	homely
in the city centre	in the country	in the mountains	large
lift	lots of space	modern	near a lake
on an island	pool	roomy	sauna
			small

SIZE: large, lots of space, roomy, small

DESCRIPTION: charming, homely, modern

AMENITIES: beautiful yard, lift, pool, sauna

LOCATION: at the seaside, in the city centre, in the country, in the mountains, near a lake, on an island

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8. Use the words from ex. 4 and 7 to describe the homes below.



9. Discuss the questions.

- Where is it better to live: at the seaside or in the mountains? Why?
- What are the advantages of living in the country?
- What are the advantages of living in the city centre?
- Is a lift a must in a block of flats?
- What can you do to make your house or flat more homely?
- What kind of home can you call charming?
- What are the disadvantages of living in a large home?
- What problems might you have when you live in a small home?

10. Describe your dream home. Think of the aspects below. Next, tell your partner what your dream home looks like.

- location
- views
- appearance
- rooms
- size
- amenities