



Four-bedroom house, Alberta, Canada

Would you like to stay in this beautiful house in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains?

It's a spacious house with four bedrooms, a living room, a large kitchen, two bathrooms, and a store room. There are breathtaking views of the mountains from all the windows. It has a large balcony, which is ideal for eating outside in the summer. The house has wooden floors, a jacuzzi, cable television, and Internet.

It's a quiet, safe neighbourhood and the neighbours are very warm and friendly. The house is walking distance from stores and restaurants in the local town and a short drive from areas with excellent skiing and hiking. In the area around the house you can see amazing wildlife such as bears, wolves, deer, and mountain goats.

This house is perfect for families or two couples. It's a no-smoking house and, sorry, no pets.



Two-bedroom apartment, Manhattan, New York City

Rent this ^{superb} nice two-bedroom apartment. It's perfectly situated between 43rd Street and 8th Avenue, five minutes from Time Square and most of the theatres, and a fifteen-minute walk from Central Park.

It's a nice 150-square-metre apartment on the 19th floor of a new building. It has two bedrooms, a nice living room with a huge balcony, a kitchen/dining room and two bathrooms. The flat has very big windows, so during the day it's very light and at night you have a nice view of downtown Manhattan, especially on the 4th of July when you can see all the fireworks!

The neighbourhood is colourful, and it's nice for people who like eating out or going to the theatre and clubs. There's a subway station on the street and it's a ten-minute walk to Grand Central train station. JFK airport is less than half an hour away by taxi.

This apartment is nice for couples. Sorry, no children or pets and definitely no smoking.

Useful language: describing location

It's perfectly situated...
 walking distance from...
 a (fifteen-minute) walk from...
 a short drive from...

The neighbourhood is (safe, friendly, etc.)
 It's a (beautiful) area...

- a Read the two adverts from a website. Which one would you prefer to rent for a two-week holiday? Why?
- b Read about the house in Canada again. Highlight any adjectives which help to 'sell' the house.
- c Now read about the New York apartment again. Improve the description by replacing the word *nice* with one of the adjectives below. Often there is more than one possibility.

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WRITE a description of your house / flat (real or imaginary) for a website.

PLAN what you're going to write. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Houses p.151** to help you.

- Paragraph 1 A brief introduction. What kind of house / flat is it? Where is it exactly?
- Paragraph 2 Describe the house / flat. What rooms does it have? Does it have any special characteristics?
- Paragraph 3 Describe the neighbourhood. How far is it from places of interest, public transport, etc.?
- Paragraph 4 Say who the house / flat is suitable for. Are there any restrictions?

CHECK the description for mistakes (grammar , punctuation , and spelling).

GRAMMAR

- a Complete the sentences with the right form of the verb in brackets.
- If I don't pass the exam, I _____ it again in January. (do)
 - You'd sleep better if you _____ less coffee. (drink)
 - Don't buy it unless you _____ sure you like it. (be)
 - If I could change a part of my body, I _____ my nose. (change)
 - As soon as he _____, we can have dinner. (arrive)



- b Choose a, b, or c.
- Where _____ if you took the job in London?
a will you live b did you live
c would you live
 - I used _____ with that boy over there.
a going out b to go out c go out
 - I _____ enjoy flying but now I love it.
a not used to b didn't used to
c didn't use to
 - In the summer I _____ to the country.
a usually go b use to go
c usually to go
 - _____ to wear glasses?
a She used b Does she use
c Did she use

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VOCABULARY

- a Word groups. Underline the word that is different. Say why.
- | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 cottage | village | flat | detached house |
| 2 sink | dishwasher | fridge | shower |
| 3 secondary | uniform | boarding | state |
| 4 cheat | pass | exam | fail |
| 5 classmate | friendship | colleague | close friend |
- b Complete the sentences.
- Maths, physics, and geography are s_____.
 - A school year is often divided into three t_____.
 - A school where you have to pay is a p_____ school.
 - A senior university teacher is a p_____.
 - The area outside the central part of a city is called the s_____.
 - Smoke comes through the c_____.
 - The part which covers the top of a house is the r_____.
 - The 'door' of a garden is the g_____.
- c Fill each gap with one word.
- They often argue _____ politics.
 - Do you keep _____ touch _____ old school friends?
 - They live _____ the suburbs.
 - Do you get _____ well with the people in the office?
 - My son is _____ university.
 - We don't have very much _____ common.

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PRONUNCIATION

- a Underline the word with a different sound.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|--------|---------|---------------|------------|
| 1 |  | touch | study | student | subject |
| 2 | /ju:/ | punish | music | arg <u>ue</u> | university |
| 3 |  | close | cosy | country | stone |
| 4 |  | flat | cottage | balcony | maths |
| 5 |  | block | copy | modern | homework |

- b Underline the stressed syllable.

uniform exam secondary residential colleague

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**We don't need no education...
or do we?**

The children who sang on *Another Brick in the Wall* by the British group Pink Floyd have changed their tune since 1979. 25 years later, they are trying to take the group to court because of unpaid royalties.

The song, which was a number 1 in the UK and abroad, was an attack on school and education and it had the famous chorus, 'We don't need no education, we don't need no thought control... teacher, leave those kids alone!' The chorus was sung by thirteen schoolchildren from Islington Green School in London, who were taken to the Britannia Row record studios to sing on the recording by their music teacher. They never met the group and were not paid for their work. When the head of the school heard the song with its anti-school lyrics, she banned the children from receiving any publicity or from appearing on TV.

Peter Rowan, a royalty expert from Edinburgh, has spent two years trying to find the children, now adults, and he intends to help them make a legal claim for royalties. Mr Rowan said, 'They probably won't get more than a few hundred pounds each, but this is about recognition. They deserve to have their work recognized even if it has taken 25 years.'

Ian Abbott, 40, was one of the children who sang on the record. He said, 'Now I don't agree that "We don't need no education." Education is so important. I really regret that I didn't study more at school. I would like to go to university now and get a degree. But work gets in the way when you get older. Sometimes I say to my nieces, "You must study harder," and they say, "But why? Look at what you sang on that song!"'

Mirabai Narayan, another one of the children, now works as a teacher herself. She said, 'I sometimes wonder if the song influenced my career. My job now is to help kids with learning difficulties.'

Adapted from the British press

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

- a Read the article and mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).
- 1 *Another Brick in the Wall* was also successful outside the UK.
 - 2 The children got a little money for singing on the record.
 - 3 The music teacher was a friend of the group Pink Floyd.
 - 4 The head of the school wasn't happy about the song.
 - 5 Peter Rowan was one of the thirteen children.
 - 6 He thinks the children will get a lot of money.
 - 7 Ian Abbott is sorry that he didn't work harder at school.
 - 8 He doesn't have any children of his own.
 - 9 Mirabai Narayan is sure the song made her become a teacher.
- b Look at the highlighted words and phrases. Can you guess what they mean?

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- a **4.19** Listen and circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.
- 1 What problem does the teacher want to discuss?
 - a A girl copied from Sean.
 - b Sean cheated in an exam.
 - c Sean is lazy.
 - 2 The woman in the pub is...
 - a slim with blonde hair.
 - b tall and dark.
 - c short and fat.
 - 3 Which house are they going to buy?
 - a The cottage.
 - b The detached house.
 - c They haven't decided.
 - 4 When did Dennis leave school?
 - a 1967
 - b 1971
 - c 1978
 - 5 When are they going to have lunch?
 - a Thursday 2.00
 - b Thursday 1.00
 - c Tuesday 1.00
- b **4.20** Listen to a conversation between two men talking about a 'flat share' and complete the missing information.

Flat share

¹ _____ Bradley Road.
 Rent: £² _____ a month + ³ _____ bills
 Room free from ⁴ _____
⁵ _____ permit costs £10 a month

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Can you...? Yes (✓)

- talk about a school you used to go to (or go to now)
- describe your ideal house
- talk about a close friend (where and when you met, how often you meet, etc.)