



Speaking B2

House & home





Introduction



- What's the difference for you between a house and a home?
- What makes a place feel like home?
- Have you ever moved house? What was the experience like?

Vocabulary

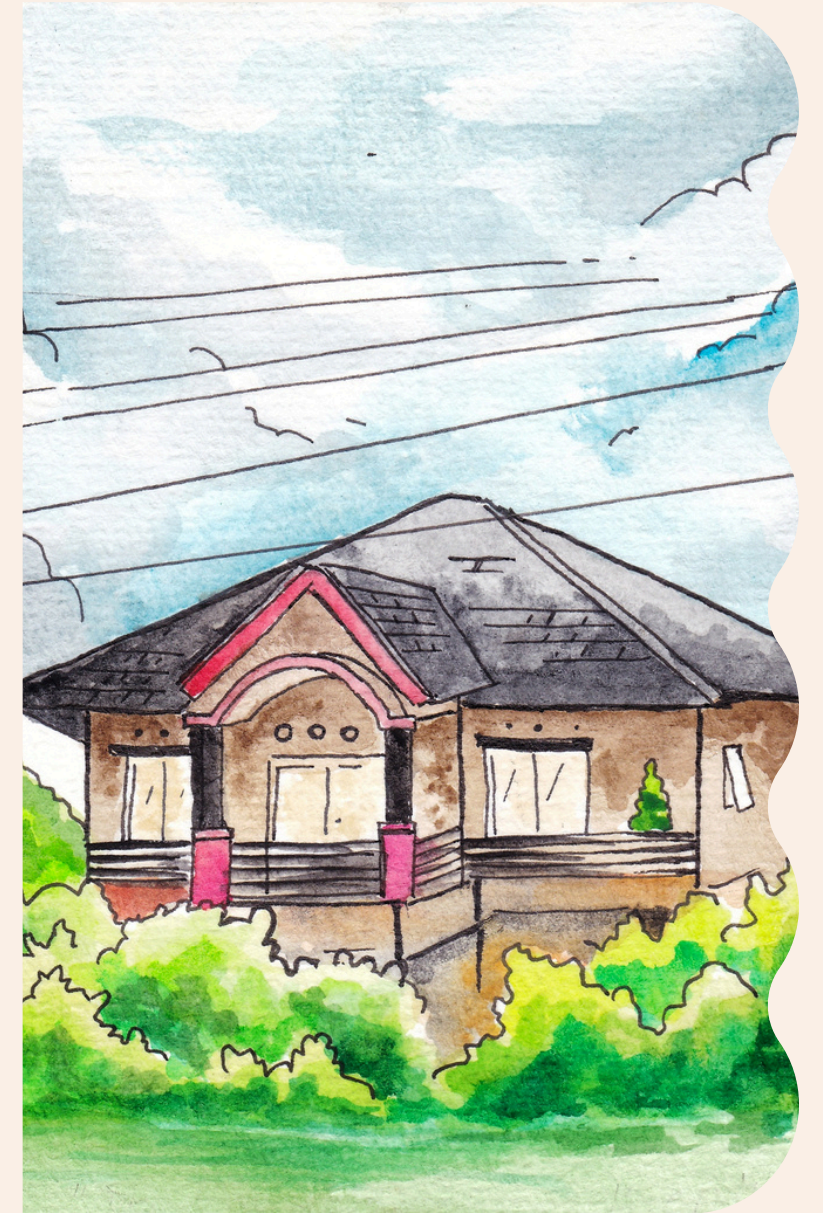
Types of homes

Rooms & areas in the house

Furniture

Household Items / Appliances

Daily Routines at Home (verbs)





Taboo Card Game



SPONGE

soft
wash
kitchen



MOP

floor
wet
clean



VACUUM CLEANER

dust
carpet
loud



DUSTER

soft
clean
shelves



GLOVES

hands
rubber
cleaning



DISINFECTANT

kill
germs
clean



DETERGENT

soap
laundry
wash



BROOM

sweep
floor
dust



BUCKET

water
mop
plastic



HAMMER

nail
hit
tool



SCREWDRIVER

screws
twist
tool



DRILL

hole
electric
wall





Taboo Card Game

WRENCH

pipe
tighten
turn



NAIL

metal
hammer
wall



PAINTBRUSH

wall
strokes
colour



PLUNGER

toilet
rubber
water



LOCK

door
key
close



ALARM

noise
danger
system



LADDER

climb
steps
tall



TAPE MEASURE

length
numbers
tool



LIGHT BULB

bright
electricity
lamp



SMOKE DETECTOR

fire
alarm
ceiling



KEY

lock
door
metal



DOORBELL

visitor
push
sound





Taboo Card Game

WINDOW BARS

metal
security
jail



SECURITY CAMERA

record
video
watch



FIRE EXTINGUISHER

red
emergency
car



INTERCOM

door
inside
building



PADLOCK

key
metal
bridge



LAWN

grass
cut
green



BARBECUE

grill
cook
meat



SHED

tools
wooden
garden



HOSE

water
long
garden



HEDGE

bush
green
fence



FENCE

wood
garden
gate



PATIO

outside
relax
garden





Taboo Card Game

RAKE

leaves
garden
tool



FLOWERS

colour
smell
plant



SOIL

dirt
plant
brown



TAKE OUT THE RUBBISH

bin
outside
bag



COOK DINNER

food
kitchen
prepare



WATER THE PLANTS

flowers
drink
grow



MAKE THE BED

morning
sheets
bedroom



DO THE DISHES

plates
wash
sink



DO THE LAUNDRY

clothes
washing machine
clean



SWEEP THE FLOOR

broom
clean
dust



VACUUM THE CARPET

clean
machine
floor



IRON CLOTHES

flat
heat
board



Housing dilemmas

Scenario 1

You inherit a run-down house in the countryside. Would you renovate and move, sell it, or rent it out? How much money and time would you be willing to invest in renovating it? What would be the pros and cons of renting it out? Do you think property in rural areas is a good long-term investment?



Housing dilemmas

Scenario 2

You get a job offer in another country but housing is expensive. Would you live in a small flat close to work, or commute from a cheaper area? Would you consider house-sharing to save money? Why or why not? How does the cost of living affect your decision to accept a job abroad?



Housing dilemmas

Scenario 3

You've been living in your apartment for three years and love the area. But recently, a new neighbour moved in and they play loud music at night. Would you speak to them directly, report them to the landlord, or start looking for a new place? How important is peace and quiet to you when choosing a home?



Housing dilemmas

Scenario 4

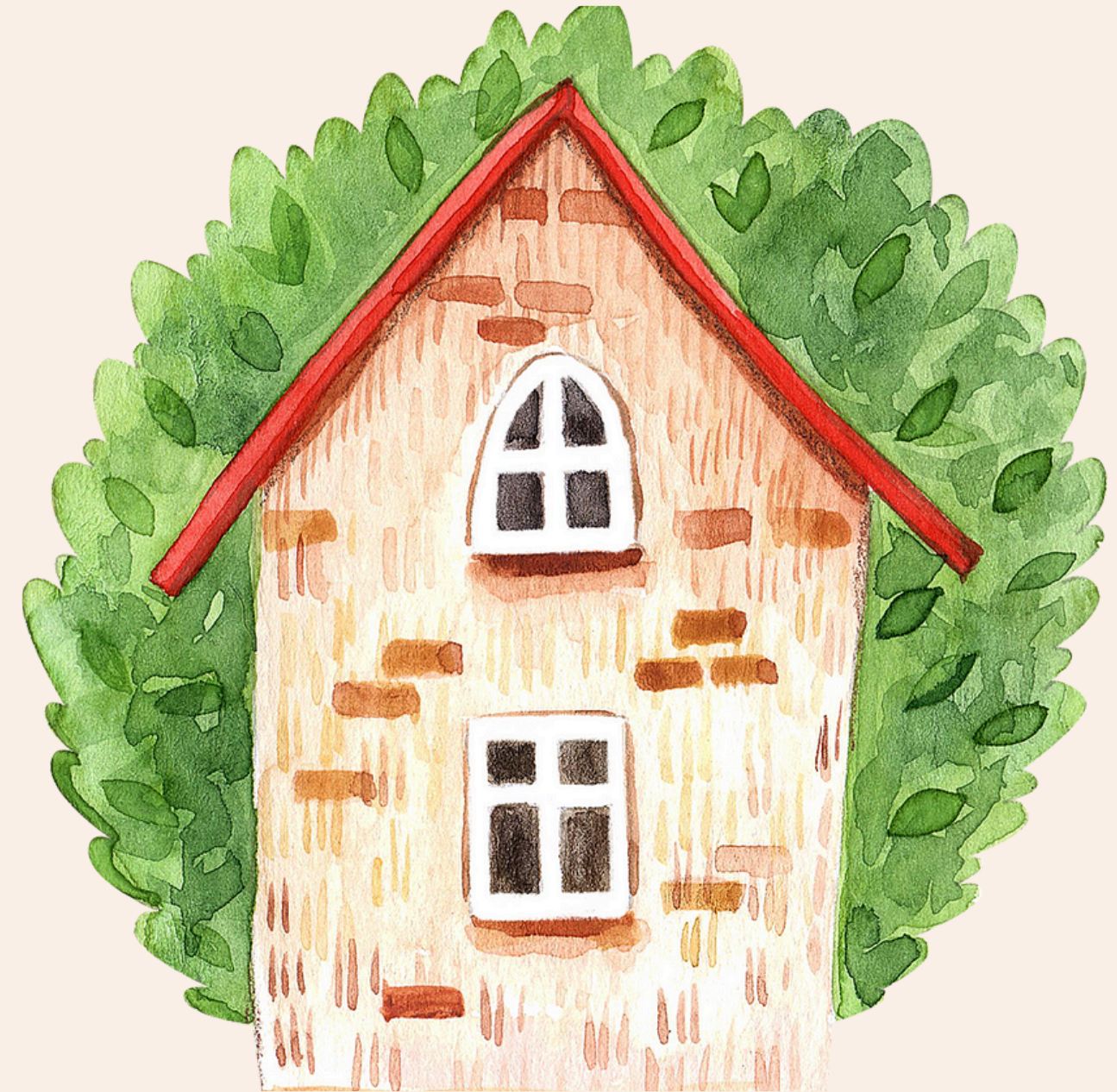
You finally find your dream home: a beautiful house in a perfect location, but it has some problems—poor insulation, an old heating system, and occasional mould. Would you buy it and fix it up, or keep looking for something more practical? What matters more—location, condition, or comfort?



Housing dilemmas

Scenario 5

You live in a big house alone. Would you prefer to downsize or find a housemate? What are the financial and emotional benefits of each option? What kind of person would you be willing to share your space with?



Opinions

1. Everyone should have the right to housing, even if they can't afford rent.
2. Owning a home is often seen as important, but renting gives you more freedom and flexibility.
3. Tiny homes could be a popular housing solution in the future.
4. People who own several homes make the housing crisis worse.
5. Living in the countryside is usually better for your mental health than living in a city.
6. Minimalist homes often feel empty and not very welcoming.
7. A home without pets can feel lonely—animals make a house feel like home.
8. Many young people today won't be able to buy a home without support from others.
9. It's better to live in a small home in a great area than in a big home far from everything.
10. Living with others in shared houses or co-housing should become more common.
11. People should be free to build what they want on their land.
12. Social housing can sometimes lower the value of nearby private homes.
13. Living in high-rise buildings isn't good for your health or well-being.
14. Fixing up old homes is more environmentally friendly than building new ones.
15. For some people, a house is just an investment, not something they care about emotionally.

