

# **Lesson 20 – Housing and Accommodations**

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## Learning Objectives

**After this lesson, students will be able to:**

1. Express opinion about high cost of living.
2. Identify different kinds of housing and accommodations.
3. Explore rental marketplaces like Airbnb.
4. Discuss things to consider in renting a place to live.
5. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of renting and renting out.
6. Practice comparatives and superlatives in making choices.
7. Discuss hotel rating system .
8. Name different kinds of facilities in a hotel accommodation.
9. Define idioms using context clues.
10. Choose the odd one out in a group of words and pronounce them well.

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Watch the video and answer the questions below.



- What do you think about Julie and Andrew's idea?
- Would you ever choose such an alternative to buying your own house or flat?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5VaLujbod0>

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## High cost of Housing

A report released by the *Joint Center for Housing Studies* at Harvard found that in an environment of increasing rent and home prices, **low- and middle-income** Americans were seeing a larger portion of their **take-home pay** going to cover the cost of rent, making their dreams of **homeownership** seem like a **mirage**.

### Ponder this!

**Does this sound like the situation in your country?  
How do you plan to land a dream home into reality?**



Source: [8 Reasons Why The Rent Is Too Damn High : Code Switch : NPR](#)

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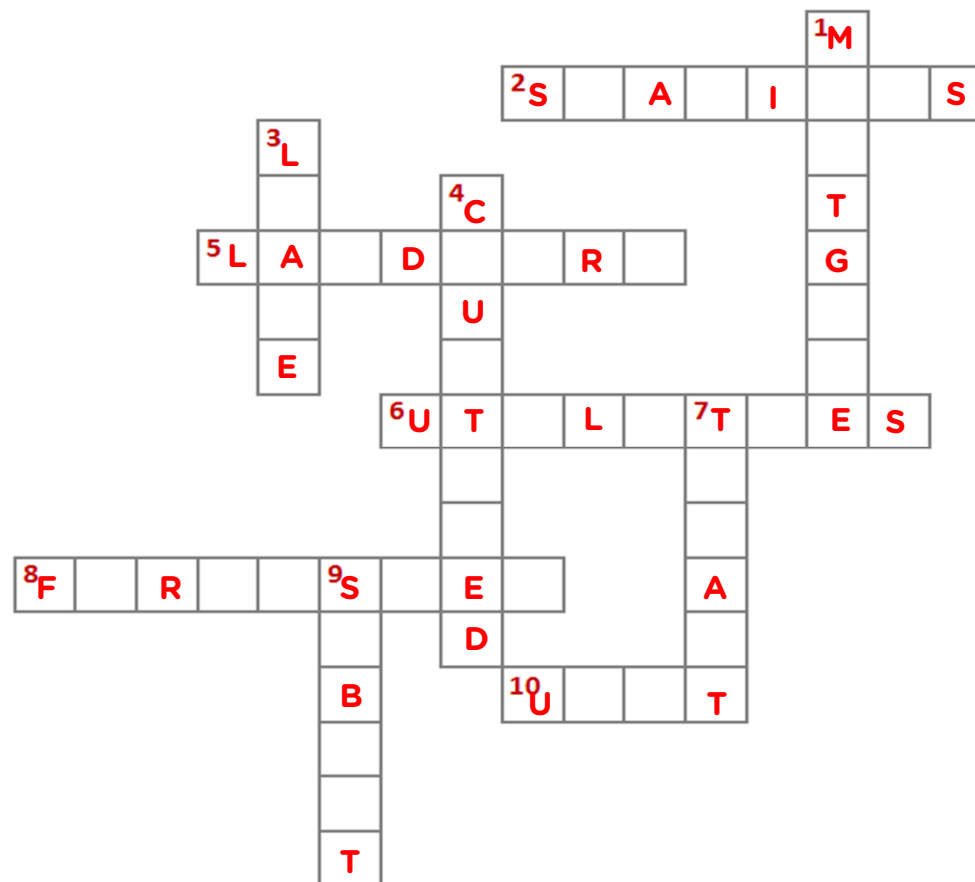
Solve the puzzle. Use each solved item in your own sentences.

## Down

- (of accommodations) available to be rented with furniture
- a legal agreement in which you pay money in order to use a building, piece of land, vehicle, etc. for a period
- untidy, not organized, and covered with a lot of things
- one who has the occupation or temporary possession of lands or tenements of another
- to allow someone to rent all or part of a house or other building that you are renting from someone else

## Across

- (especially of a room or building) having ample space.
- a person who owns or runs a boarding house, inn, or similar establishment.
- a supply of gas, electricity, water, or telephone service to homes and businesses
- a single apartment in a bigger building
- a thing that prevents someone from giving full attention to something else
- a plan for carrying out a process or procedure, giving lists of intended events and times



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Match each photo to its respective Type of Housing.



1. Condominium
2. Detached home
3. Duplex
4. Efficiency apartment
5. Loft
6. Mobile home
7. Rooming house
8. Row house
9. Shelter



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Match the vocabularies with their correct definition.

1. relatively expensive and designed to appeal to affluent consumers.
2. present or proffer (something) for (someone) to accept or reject as so desired.
3. a business or establishment that is small and sophisticated or fashionable.
4. an area of ground on which a town, building, or monument is constructed.
5. an arrangement to have something kept for a person or for a special purpose
6. something that is different from something else, especially from what is usual, and offering the possibility of choice
7. a person who buys and sells foreign money, shares in companies, etc., for other people
8. property in the form of land or buildings
9. a portable, round tent covered with skins or felt and used as a dwelling by several distinct nomadic groups in the steppes of Central Asia.
10. the state of great comfort and extravagant living.

- A. real estate
- B. offer
- C. luxury
- D. upmarket
- E. alternative
- F. site
- G. boutique
- H. reservations
- I. broker
- J. yurt

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## *Airbnb enters luxury travel market*

The online accommodation booking company Airbnb is going **upmarket**. It is moving into the luxury travel market. CEO Brian Chesky has announced an improvement in the company's business model. It wants richer people to use it. The company will **offer** new types of places to stay such as vacation homes and **boutique** hotels. The company has over four million rooms on its **site** in 81,000 cities and 191 countries. It has helped make over 260 million **reservations** since it launched nine years ago. Mr Chesky hopes to increase this to more than one billion people staying in its rentals by 2028. Chesky said: "Airbnb is still an **alternative**. It's still not for everyone. Today we will show you our road map: Airbnb for everyone." Airbnb does not own any **real estate**, or properties. It acts as a **broker** between property owners who want to make extra cash by renting out their rooms or homes, and travelers looking for a cheaper, more homely alternative to hotels. The company makes money from the booking fees it charges. Its vision is to branch out into luxury accommodation, restaurant reservations, and adventure travel experiences. A new option will allow people to book "unique spaces". This includes things like **yurts** - the large, circular tents that are home to many people in Mongolia. Airbnb's new "Beyond" option will offer travelers "full-on **luxury** stays" that include "some of the world's nicest homes".

Source: [ESL Lesson Plan on Luxury Travel - Breaking News English Lesson](#)



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## Answer the following questions about the reading text.

1. What position in Airbnb does Mr Brian Chesky have?
2. What kind of model did Mr Chesky say he would improve?
3. In how many countries does Airbnb have rooms?
4. How many reservations does Mr Chesky want to have had by 2028?
5. What kind of map did Mr Chesky say he would show people?
6. How much real estate does Airbnb own?
7. What does Airbnb make money from?
8. What kind of travel experiences will Airbnb now start offering?
9. What is a yurt?
10. What kind of stays will users of Airbnb's "Beyond" option get?

## Free Response

“Home is where the heart is, but what if your heart doesn’t know where it should be?”

According to [moneycrashers.com](http://moneycrashers.com) these are the **14 factors to consider when deciding the best place to live**. Which ones do you usually overlook? How could these factors be “hazard” in making a choice?

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Affordability                   | 8. Education system                  |
| 2. Taxes                           | 9. Culture                           |
| 3. Employment opportunities        | 10. Traffic & Ease of Transportation |
| 4. Real estate value               | 11. Food options                     |
| 5. Crime rates and statistics      | 12. Town or city size                |
| 6. Proximity to family and friends | 13. Healthcare facilities            |
| 7. Climate                         | 14. Proximity to an airport          |

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Listen and fill in the blanks with the right word/s.



## Listening Activity 20.1 *Using AirBnB*

1. \_\_\_\_\_, what it works is if somebody owns a house, they can \_\_\_\_\_. And so, you find a house online and then you book it with the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You're not in the hotel so nobody is kind of \_\_\_\_\_ or nobody is \_\_\_\_\_ your room everyday. So you feel like you \_\_\_\_\_ and you feel like you really \_\_\_\_\_ the place. And usually, the apartments are in real neighborhoods so they're not in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I guess that's the \_\_\_\_\_. It seems to be safe. I mean, from what I see – \_\_\_\_\_ there was an \_\_\_\_\_ recently in California where they've had \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Yeah. And then they're \_\_\_\_\_. So that was one interesting thing. And then also, recently, the company has been \_\_\_\_\_ because people that have \_\_\_\_\_, like \_\_\_\_\_, they've been trying to rent out their \_\_\_\_\_ on Airbnb.
5. "Hey, you can't do that because we give you this house \_\_\_\_\_ to help you because you're low income. So you can't use it to \_\_\_\_\_." So it's been a very \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I guess it's kind of like \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Comparative and Superlative (Adjectives and Adverbs)

- to compare **one person or thing** with **another person or thing**.
- We can repeat comparatives with **and** to say how something changes.  
Ex. Train journeys in the UK are becoming **more and more expensive**.
- We can use two different comparatives with **the** to say how something changes as something else changes.  
Ex. **The taller** she grew, **the thinner** she became.

- to compare **one person or thing** with **several other people or things of the same kind**.
- We often use superlatives with the **present perfect** to talk about a particular life experience.  
Ex.  
That was **the funniest** film **I've seen** this year.  
He swam **the fastest** he **has ever swum** to win gold.

- We usually use **than** with the comparative, but not always.  
Ex. *Can you talk **more quietly**, please - I'm trying to work.*
- We usually use **the** before the superlative, but we sometimes use a possessive adjective.  
Ex. *December is **our busiest** time of year.*
- **Remember:** Some adjectives and adverbs have irregular comparative and superlative forms.

### FORM

Syllable/words	Comparative	Superlative
one syllable	add <b>-er</b>	add <b>-est</b>
some two-syllables	<b>-er/-est</b> or use <b>more/most</b> .	
3 or more syllables	<b>more</b>	<b>most</b>
ends in a vowel + consonant	<b>double the last letter</b> before adding <b>-er</b> or <b>-est</b> ( <i>unless it ends in -w</i> )	
ends in <b>-y</b>	Change <b>'y'</b> to <b>'i'</b> before adding <b>-er/-est</b> .	

More Details: [BBC Learning English - Course: intermediate / Unit 13 / Grammar Reference](#)

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Which could be most appropriate accommodation for these people? Which is better than the other? What are the factors that constitute it? Use the comparative and Superlative in comparing.

- Missionary
- Vlogger
- University student
- Entry-level wage worker
- A family of four
- CEO
- Elderly couple

Long-term occupancy	Short-term occupancy	Factors that constitute your choice
Condo/condominium	Hostels	1) <u>Cost</u>
Detached home	Bed & Breakfasts	2) _____
Flat	Capsule Hotel	3) _____
Loft	Homestay	4) _____
Mobile home	Caravanning	5) _____
Rooming house	Luxury Hotel	
Townhouse/townhome	Serviced apartment	


For long-term occupancy, the **most appropriate** choice for a missionary would be a mobile home as his job requires him to visit various places from time to time. It's **more cost-efficient** than renting a flat.


For short-term occupancy, a missionary would perhaps pick the **cheapest** of all because prices of rooms are now becoming **higher and higher**.


Source (short-term occupancy) : [Types of accommodation \(slideshare.net\)](https://www.slideshare.net/Types-of-accommodation)


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What do hotel ratings mean? Cite examples of hotels for each.

 **-Star** a property has no frills and only offers basic accommodations. A one-star rating doesn't necessarily mean a hotel is dirty, unkept or in a bad location. It simply means you'll have a place to sleep, and that's pretty much it.

 **-Star** Like one-star hotels, two-star properties are typically more affordable than hotels that have a higher rating — they are also usually quite comfortable.

 **-Star** Three-star hotels ordinarily have some unique amenities and provide quality service.

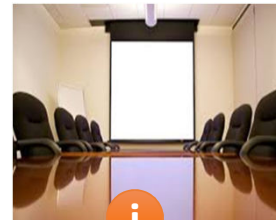
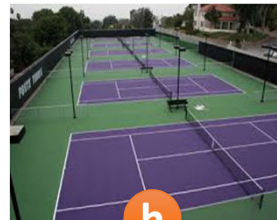
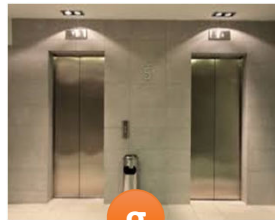
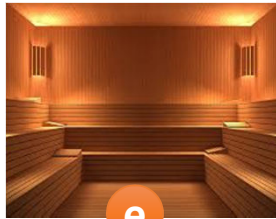
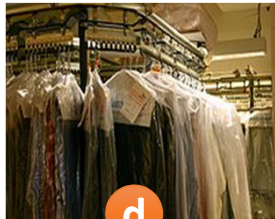
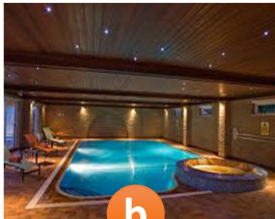
 **-Star** Four-star hotels are often noted for their upscale quality and extraordinary comfort.

 **-Star** A five-star property provides flawless guest services in a state-of-the-art facility such as premium dining options and personalized services to its guests. With no detail being overlooked, these hotels commonly even provides high-end, luxury toiletries for guests.

Source: [Hotel Star Rating Systems Meaning - Star Ratings Explained \(warehouseotel.com\)](https://www.warehouseotel.com/blog/hotel-star-rating-systems-meaning-star-ratings-explained)

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Name the following Hotel facilities and services.  
*Which of these are you after in a hotel?*



Facility/Service	I am after it



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What do the following **idioms** mean?

Many cottages are **a home from home**, offering microwaves, dishwashers, tvs and videos.

Jim should go about **getting his own house in order** before he starts criticizing how I live my life!

After growing tired of Paul's constant complaining, Jana decided to tell him a few **home truths** about his bad attitude.

I just need one more source for this essay and then I'll be **home and dry**.

I can't wait for you to meet Mark, I just know the two of you will **get on like a house on fire!**

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## Express Yourself

1. Which do you think is better: renting a house or buying one? Why?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of renting rather than buying?
3. What do you need to think about before renting a place to live?
4. If you could buy land and build your dream house, what would it look like?
5. Is it important to keep your house very clean or do you feel more comfortable with a bit of an 'organized chaos'?
6. How difficult is it to get a **mortgage** and buy your own house in your country?
7. Have you ever shared a house/flat with your friends? Was it a good experience?
8. Do you agree with the saying "**Wherever I lay my head is home.**"?
9. What are the advantages and disadvantages of staying at a B&B, a hotel or a motel?
10. Have you ever stayed at a luxury hotel? What was luxurious about it?
11. Have you ever stayed at a really **exotic hotel**, such as a **castle** or an **ice hotel**?
12. Do you always try to look for hotels belonging to the same **chain**? If so, why?
13. What irritates you most about an accommodation (in order of bad to worst)?

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**Choose the odd one out.**

One word in each group does not have the same vowel sound as the other words.

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|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| ➤ <b>dec<u>i</u>ded</b> | <b>licked</b> | <b>liked</b>    | <b>foil</b>   | <b>boil</b>       |
| ➤ <b>be<u>a</u>t</b>    | <b>repeat</b> | <b>listen</b>   | <b>people</b> | <b>believe</b>    |
| ➤ <b>lo<u>y</u>al</b>   | <b>serial</b> | <b>royal</b>    | <b>boil</b>   | <b>noise</b>      |
| ➤ <b>hou<u>s</u>e</b>   | <b>south</b>  | <b>southern</b> | <b>down</b>   | <b>thousand</b>   |
| ➤ <b>cu<u>t</u></b>     | <b>money</b>  | <b>cute</b>     | <b>blood</b>  | <b>government</b> |

**The End**