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Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Discover the Psychology behind why where a person resides mean so much.
2. Brainstorm words associated with house and home.
3. Identify rooms in a house.
4. State Types and Styles of Houses.
5. Discuss the secret meaning behind 7 paint colors in ones' home.
6. Compose questions with the use of questions words in contemplating about which house to purchase.
7. Evaluate whether a person is ready to buy a house or not.
8. Describe how a house in the future will look like.
9. Appraise who to call in times of home emergencies stated in the exercise.
10. Use the Present Participle clause in talking about household chores
11. Interpret idiomatic expressions through context clues.
12. Practice a pair of tongue twisters.

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Interpret the quotation.

**“WE SHAPE OUR HOMES AND
THEN OUR HOMES SHAPE US”**

- Winston Churchill



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Susan Clayton, an environmental psychologist at the College of Wooster, says that for many people, their **home** is part of their **self-definition**, which is why we do things like **decorate** our **houses** and take care of our **lawns**. These **large patches** of vegetation serve little real **purpose**, but they are part of a **public face** people put on, displaying their home as an **extension** of themselves. It's hardly rare, though, in our mobile modern society, to **accumulate** several different homes **over the course of a lifetime**.

Ponder this!

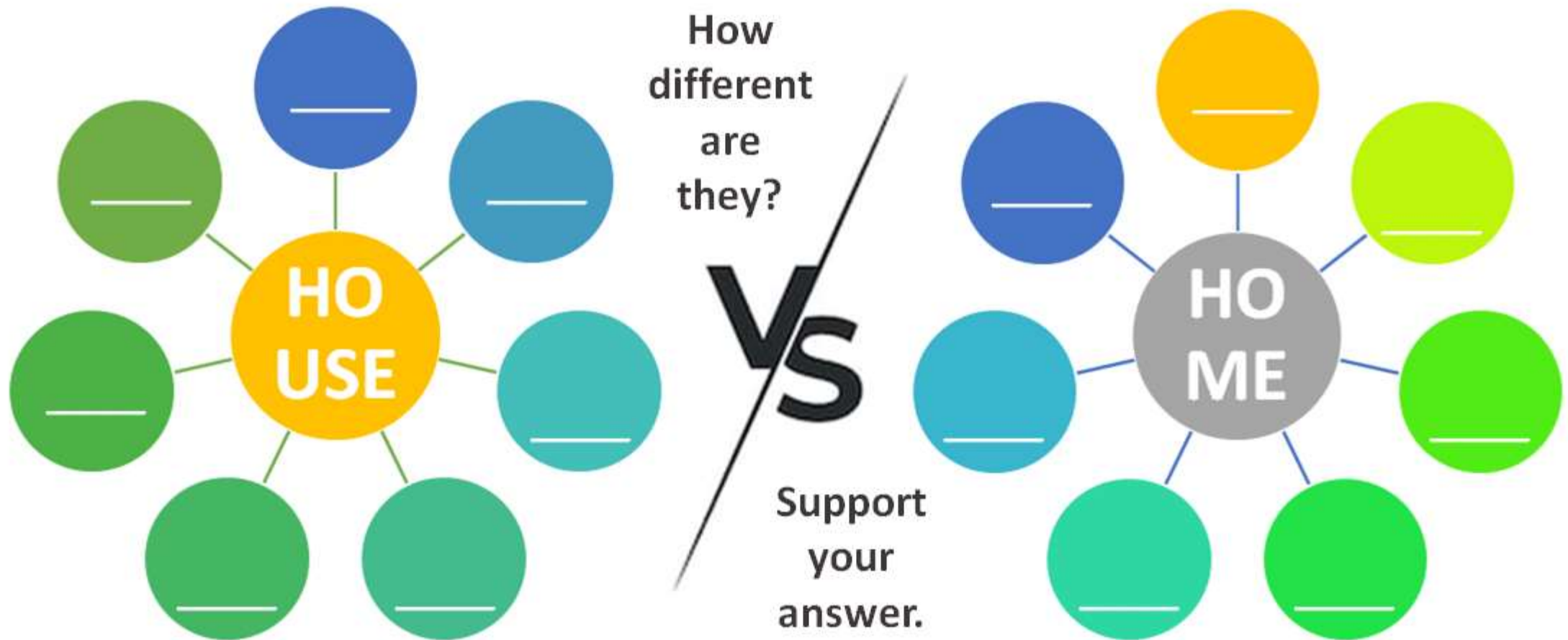
What's more important in a home, comfort or style? Why?

Source: [The Psychology of Home: Why Where You Live Means So Much - The Atlantic](#)



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Brainstorm words that you can associate with HOUSE and HOME.



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Match the rooms in a house with the sentences that depict each.

Where do you usually spend most of your time? What activities can be done in each room?

- a. room filled with toys; books and games; indoor area for kids to play
- b. room for baby or young child
- c. An area with a wall or bars around it that is joined to the outside wall of a building on an upper level
- d. long outside wall of a building on an upper level; narrow area that joins one room to another
- e. the largest bedroom in the house; used by parents
- f. room below ground level without any windows used for storage
- g. A separate building from the house usually for storing garden tools
- h. storage room at the very top of the house
- i. outdoor area in front or backyard; usually sits slightly off the ground; often made of wood
- j. room off the kitchen for keeping dry foods and storage items
- k. Covered area before the entrance door

- 1. **Cellar**
- 2. **Attic**
- 3. **Nursery**
- 4. **Pantry**
- 5. **Shed**
- 6. **Master Bedroom**
- 7. **Patio**
- 8. **Playroom**
- 9. **Porch**
- 10. **Hallway**
- 11. **Balcony**

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Types of Houses and Styles



a large building containing residential suites

Apartment



a house on or near a beach, sometimes used as a vacation or second home.

Beach House



Natural lighting is its favorite spotlight allowing it to come through the large windows and sliding doors.

Contemporary

What type of house do you have? What types are the houses around you?



has a porch with thick square or round columns and stone porch supports.

Craftsman



a large and luxurious country residence

Villa



a dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families

Mansion

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The Secret Meaning Behind 7 Paint Colors in Your Home

Next time you're looking at swatches, keep these tips in mind.

Bright colors

Bright colors—that is, **vibrant shades of green and blue, yellow, and orange**—provide an expansive feeling.

Dark colors

Dark colors, such as **red, purple, blue, and dark shades of green**, can have a constricting and gloomy effect.

Warm colors

Orange and yellow hues, for example, raise the perceived temperature of a room.

Cold colors

Colors such as **icy blues and greens** have a calming effect. They are especially well-suited for bedrooms; they help you to go to bed relaxed in the evening and wake up refreshed the next morning.

Navy blue inhibits people's willingness to communicate; do not use it in living and dining areas.

Red raises the energy level of a room, but it may also make people more irritable and hostile—so it's not a good choice for a child's room. Use it as an accent rather than a base room color.

Gray should be avoided for the dining area and kitchen—unless you want to dampen your appetite.

Source: [The Secret Meaning Behind 7 Paint Colors in Your Home \(rd.com\)](http://rd.com)

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Question Word Forms - How

We don't use yes or no in the answer. We just give some information:

QUESTION WORDS/PHRASES	USAGE	EXAMPLES
how	asking about manner	How does this work?
	asking about condition or quality	How was your exam?
how + <u>adj/adv</u>	asking about extent or degree	see examples below
how far	distance	How far is Pattaya from Bangkok?
how long	length (time or space)	How long will it take?
how many	quantity (countable)	How many cars are there?
how much	quantity (uncountable)	How much money do you have?
how old	age	How old are you?
how come (informal)	asking for reason, asking why	How come I can't see her?

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Buying a House

Imagine that you are contemplating about which house to purchase from the houses tackled on the previous page. Use question words and ask the agent questions that will help you make up your mind.



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ARE YOU READY TO BUY A HOME?



1. Are you financially secure?



2. Are you sticking around for a while?



3. Did you just start a job?



4. Can you cover the cost of repairs?



5. What will your monthly payment be?

Ask yourself these key questions before jumping into the market



6. What kind of house do you want?



8. Do you have a lot of debt?



7. Have you saved for a down payment?



9. What's your credit score?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Determining your debt-to-income ratio (DTI)—more specifically, the front-end DTI—is an important factor in getting a mortgage.
- Beyond the property's price tag, a host of other financial and lifestyle considerations should figure into your calculations as to whether you can afford to buy a house.
- You should also evaluate the local real estate market, the economic outlook, and the implications of how long you want to stay put.
- You'll also need to consider your lifestyle needs, present, and future.

- ✓ Would you rather rent or buy a house?
- ✓ What are the pros and cons of renting and buying a house?

Source: [Are You Ready to Buy a House? \(investopedia.com\)](https://www.investopedia.com)

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Homes for Sale

It sounds like a **dream come true** for anyone looking to get on the **property ladder** - a home for one euro (about \$1.14). A **picturesque** town on the island of Sicily, Italy is selling houses for just €1. The **bargain price** is to attract people to move to the **hilltop** town of Sambuca because of a rapid decline in its population. Like many rural towns in Italy, the number of Sambuca's residents is **dwindling** because many young people are moving to cities. The Sambuca mayor believes the houses will be easy to sell because his town is so attractive. It **overlooks** the Mediterranean Sea, is close to gorgeous beaches and has retained its **heritage** with its **cobbled** streets and **Arabesque architecture**. Like all bargains, there is a small **catch** to the one-euro houses - the buyer must promise to spend \$17,000 on **renovating** the property within three years of purchasing it. Sambuca's deputy mayor said the houses are owned by the town, so there is little of the **red tape** normally associated with buying a property. He said: "We're not **intermediaries** who **liaise** between old and new owners. You want that house, you'll get it **in no time**." He promised potential buyers would love the town. He said: "This **fertile patch** of land is **dubbed** the "Earthly Paradise". We're located inside a **natural reserve**, packed with history. Gorgeous beaches, woods and mountains surround us. It's silent and peaceful - an **idyllic** retreat for a **detox stay**."

Source: [Homes for Sale - ESL Lesson Plan - Breaking News English Lesson](#)

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Answer the questions about the reading text.

1. What did the article say the €1 houses sounded like?
2. What did the article say was in decline in the town?
3. Why did the mayor say the houses would sell easily?
4. What do the houses overlook?
5. What kind of streets does the town have?
6. How much will renovations on the house cost?
7. Who currently owns the houses?
8. What did the deputy mayor say there was little of in the selling process?
9. What did the deputy mayor say the town was packed with?
10. What kind of stay is the town good for?

Free Response

PARADISE: Put the places that best represent paradise at the top.

All-you-can-sing karaoke

Desert oasis

7-star hotel

A safari lodge

Chocolate cafe

Tropical island

My bedroom

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Watch the video and answer the questions.



Listening Activity 8.1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R6gZ9XFg-Q>

1. What will the house of the future be like?
2. Will we have robots to help with household chores?
3. Do you think houses will be more environmentally friendly in the future?
4. Houses use a lot of energy. What things could be done to make houses more energy efficient? What sort of energy do you think will be used to heat our houses?

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Appliance or Furniture? How do you use them? Where do they belong?



Example:

This is a **refrigerator**. It is an **appliance**. It keeps perishable goods such as meat from rotting.



➤ **What safety precautions do you know about using these?**

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Who are you going to call when...

1. your kitchen sink is leaking?
2. there are cockroaches in your attic?
3. you had left your key in the room and you accidentally locked it?
4. your television is not working?
5. your front steps are broken?
6. your fridge is not cooling?
7. your outlet is not working?
8. your table is being eaten by termites?
9. your computer cable was eaten by some mice?
10. your toilet has stopped up?
11. your dresser needs a repair?
12. your light switch is not working?
13. you want an additional lock on your back door?
14. your computer broke down?
15. you broke your chair?

exterminator

locksmith

plumber

repairperson

carpenter

electrician

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Participle Clauses – Present Participle

Participle clauses can replace “and” in sentences with two main (coordinated) clauses. Participle clauses are used to avoid repetition and make a point more economically.

Present Participle (v-ing)

an action that happens at the same time as the action in the main clause:

an action that happens just before another action:

an action that is the result of another action:

a reason for the action in the main clause:

Examples

*Tom lost his keys (**while**) **walking through the park**.*
(Tom lost his keys while he was walking through the park.)

***Opening** the envelope, I found two concert tickets.*
(I opened the envelope and I found two concert tickets.)

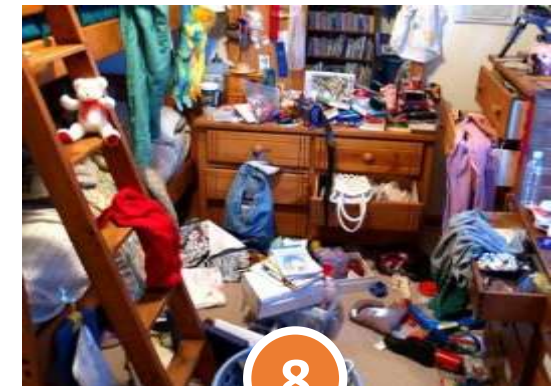
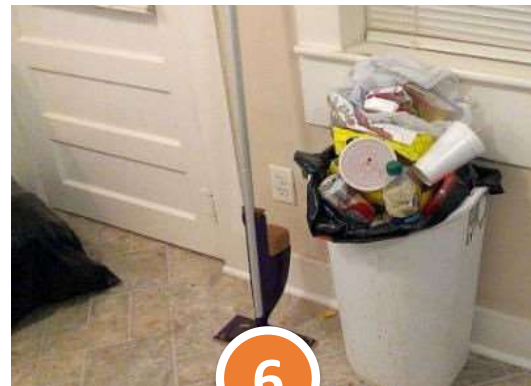
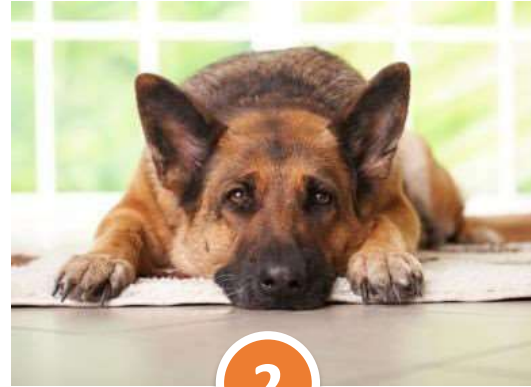
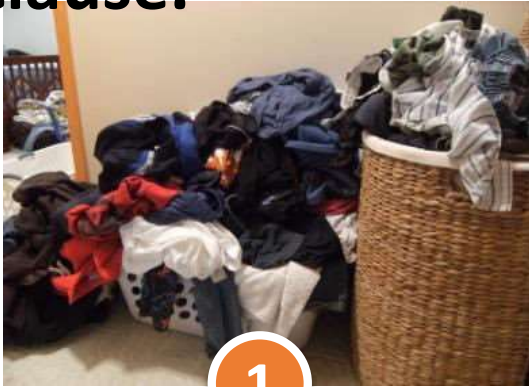
*Moments later a bomb exploded, **leaving three people dead and twelve others injured**.*

***Having nothing left to do**, Paula went home.*
(Since Paula had nothing left to do, she went home.)

Source: [Participle clauses | Gramaring](#)

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Talk about the photos related to chores using the present participle clause.



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What do the following idioms mean?



The organization that looked so solid and dependable turned out to be **a house of cards**.



Sure I know Davy.
He's my **home slice**.



He really **led her up the garden path** with his promises of promotion and career advancement.



There are **a lot of skeletons in their cupboard/closet**.

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Express Yourself

1. Describe the interior and exterior of your home.
2. Are you happy with the color scheme and furniture in your home?
3. What home improvements would you like to make to your home?
4. Do you like the location of your home?
5. Do you get jealous of other people's homes?
6. How many rooms should an average house have? Why?
7. Do you like being at home alone?
8. Have you ever been homesick?
9. When was the house/apartment you now live in built? How do you think it has changed since then?
10. What common mistakes result into a fire? What are the things that one should remember in case a fire breaks out?
11. What causes cracks on the wall? What can we do about it? How can we prevent it?
12. What attracts burglars to break into one's house?
13. What precautions should be done to avoid house robbery?
14. How important is it to get on with your neighbours?

Practice the tongue twisters

Sarah saw a shot-silk sash shop full of shot-silk sashes as the sunshine shone on the side of the shot-silk sash shop.

A pleasant place to place a plaice is a place where a plaice is pleased to be placed.

The End