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APARTMENTS and HOUSES

Question: Do you like the location of your home? Why? / Why not?



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



What Should We Do?

Dear Annie,

I read your newspaper advice column every week. You always give really good (1)_____ to people who need your help. Now, I have a problem, so I'm e-mailing you for advice.

My family and I live in a big, beautiful house in a great (2)_____.

It's located outside the city, in a (3)_____.

There is a large, spacious (4)_____ with a nice (5)_____ of our

front yard. In our front yard, there is a garden and a tall pine tree. There are also lots of trees in our (6)_____.

We really like our kitchen with its modern (7)_____s.

There are also four bedrooms: one master bedroom for my husband and me, and three smaller (8)_____s for

our three kids. There is also a (9)_____ where we can put things, like our bicycles. Unfortunately, I started a new

job last month, and now it takes me over 90 minutes to

(10)_____ to work. As well, my oldest daughter just

started college, and she also spends a lot of time on buses every day. Annie, we love our (11)_____, but should

we move into a much smaller 3-bedroom apartment closer to

(12)_____ – to be closer to work and school?

~Sarah

A advice *n.*

appliance *n.*

B back yard *n.*

basement *n.*

bedroom *n.*

C commute *v.*

D downtown *n.*

H home *n.*

L living room *n.*

N neighborhood *n.*

S suburb *n.*

V view *n.*

(about 200 words)

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Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|------------------|---------------|----|--|
| 1. appliance | <u> H </u> | A. | used to say that something bad or unlucky happened |
| 2. basement | <u> </u> | B. | having much space |
| 3. commute | <u> </u> | C. | the part of the building that is below ground |
| 4. downtown | <u> </u> | D. | the part of a city with tall buildings, stores, and offices |
| 5. spacious | <u> </u> | E. | the things that can be seen from a certain place |
| 6. suburb | <u> </u> | F. | an area where people live in houses near a larger city |
| 7. unfortunately | <u> </u> | G. | to travel regularly to and from work |
| 8. view | <u> </u> | H. | a machine like a stove or refrigerator that uses electricity |

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. F In the paragraph, Sarah says she doesn't like her home so she wants to move.
2. She is e-mailing her friend for advice.
3. She lives in a suburb.
4. There are lots of trees in her front yard.
5. It takes her a long time to get to work.
6. Her oldest daughter has finished high school.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Where do you live? Do you like the location? Why? / Why not?
2. What Sarah and her family should do? Should they move to a smaller apartment to be closer to work and her daughter's college? Why? / Why not?
3. What does your apartment or house look like? Can you describe it?

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Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

I read your newspaper advice column every week. You always give really good advice to people (1)_____ need your help. Now, I have a problem, (2)_____ I'm e-mailing you for advice. My family and I (3)_____ in a big, beautiful house in a great neighborhood. It's located outside the city, (4)_____ a suburb. There is a large, spacious living room with a nice view of (5)_____ front yard. In our front yard, there is a garden and (6)_____. (7)_____ also lots of trees in our back yard. We really like our kitchen with its modern appliances. There are also four bedrooms: one master bedroom for my husband and (8)_____, and three smaller bedrooms for our three kids. There is also a basement where we can put things, like (9)_____ bicycles. Unfortunately, I started a new job last month, and now it (10)_____ me over 90 minutes to commute to work. As well, my oldest daughter just started college, and she also (11)_____ a lot of time on buses every day. Annie, we love our home, (12)_____ should we move into a much smaller 3-bedroom apartment closer to downtown – to be closer to work and school?

1.

- (A) what
- (B) when
- (C) who
- (D) where

2.

- (A) so
- (B) but
- (C) because
- (D) what

3.

- (A) are live
- (B) live
- (C) living
- (D) lives

4.

- (A) in
- (B) on
- (C) at
- (D) to

5.

- (A) we
- (B) us
- (C) ours
- (D) our

6.

- (A) the tall pine tree
- (B) tall pine tree
- (C) that tall pine tree
- (D) a tall pine tree

7.

- (A) There have
- (B) There is
- (C) There are
- (D) There

8.

- (A) I
- (B) me
- (C) my
- (D) mine

9.

- (A) our
- (B) we
- (C) us
- (D) ours

10.

- (A) take
- (B) taking
- (C) takes
- (D) is take

11.

- (A) spend
- (B) spends
- (C) is spend
- (D) spending

12.

- (A) who
- (B) because
- (C) and
- (D) but

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Writing Practice 1

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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I read your newspaper advice column every week. You always give really good advice to people who need your help. Now, I have a _____, so I'm e-mailing you for _____. My family and I live in a big, _____ in a great _____. It's _____ outside the city, in _____. There is a _____, _____ living room with a nice _____ of our front yard. In _____ front yard, _____ a _____ and a tall pine tree. _____ lots of _____ in our _____. We really like our kitchen with its _____ appliances. _____ also four bedrooms: one master _____ for my husband and me, and three _____ for our three kids. _____ also a _____ where we _____ things, like _____ bicycles. _____, I started _____ last month, and now _____ over 90 minutes _____. As well, my _____ just started college, and she also _____ on buses every day. Annie, _____, but _____ we _____ a much smaller 3-bedroom _____ closer to downtown – to be closer to _____ and _____?

~Sarah

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NICE LAKE-VIEW APARTMENT 10 miles from downtown. Fully furnished, 2 bedrooms, 1 kitchen, dining room, with beautiful view. \$1100 month. Fax: 555-9656

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT on Northlake Drive. Large living room, air-conditioning, free parking space. Close to shopping, schools. \$1250 month. Tel: 555-7840

FURNISHED new 3-bedroom shared apartment. \$950 month. Friendly neighbors, bright, located on Riverdale Rd., near bus routes. Call 555-8721 and ask for Larry.

Daily Post Newspaper

**Tired of looking
for a home?**

**Read the
Daily Post Classifieds**



- There are EIGHT differences between the apartment ads. Can you find them all?
- Which apartment do you think is best for Sarah and her family? Why?

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Writing Practice – Option ‘2a’

- **DESCRIPTIVE Writing:** Write a short paragraph to describe your home. Remember to use ‘There is...’ and ‘There are...’ in your writing.

OR

- **OPINION Writing:** Which is better: living downtown, or living in the suburbs. Write your opinion and give reasons.

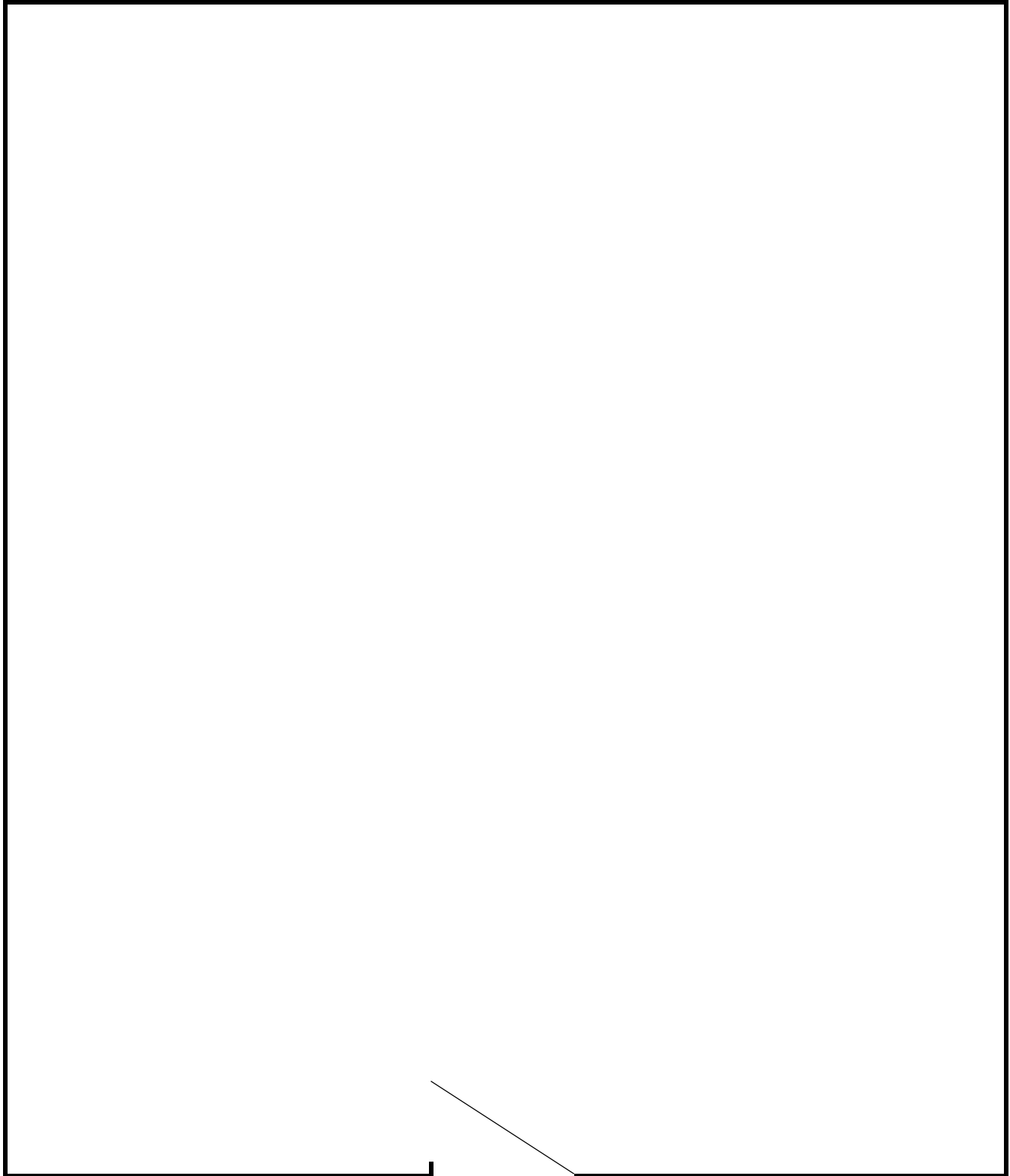
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Your 'Dream Home'



- **DESIGN** your 'Dream Home': Draw rooms, windows, doors and furniture in your dream home. Your home can be any size. Use your imagination!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for drawing a dream home. The box is mostly empty, with a small notch at the bottom center and a line pointing to it from the label 'front door'.

front door

LESSON

Apartments & Houses

Language Focus 'There is' and 'There are' / should

Level Intermediate

Time Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

'What Should We Do?' ANSWER KEY ● Grammar-in-Context

● Complete the Paragraph

1. advice
2. neighborhood
3. suburb
4. living room
5. view
6. back yard
7. appliance(s)
8. bedroom(s)
9. basement
10. commute
11. home
12. downtown

● Vocabulary Practice

- | | |
|------|------|
| 1. H | 5. B |
| 2. C | 6. F |
| 3. G | 7. A |
| 4. D | 8. E |

● How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (She likes her home.)
2. F (She is e-mailing an advice columnist.)
3. T
4. F (There are many trees in her back yard.)
5. T
6. T

- | | | |
|------|------|-------|
| 1. C | 5. D | 9. A |
| 2. A | 6. D | 10. C |
| 3. B | 7. C | 11. B |
| 4. A | 8. B | 12. D |

'Classified Ads' ANSWER KEY

Student 'A'

1. Great Town Realty = apartments & houses
2. Apt. for Rent = Near 22nd Avenue
3. Spacious Apt. = Pets OK
4. Furnished Apt. = Ask for Larry
5. Rent it now! = \$650 month
6. Nice Lake-view = Fax: 555-9656
7. Tired of looking? = picture is different
8. Daily Post Newspaper = no 's'

Student 'B'

1. Great Town Realty = houses & apartments
2. Apt. for Rent = Near 52nd Avenue
3. Spacious Apt. = Sorry, no pets
4. Furnished Apt. = Ask for Harry
5. Rent it now! = \$560 month
6. Nice Lake-view = Fax: 555-5696
7. Tired of Looking? = picture is different
8. Daily Post Newspapers = with 's'

● Homework Idea

Write a descriptive or opinion paragraph (see attached worksheets: Writing Options '2a' and '2b'). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

EXPLORE on-line (more listening & reading, practice for learners):

<http://www.esl-lab.com/live/liverd1.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTPpfhnXF1c>

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