

WRITING

PREPARE TO WRITE

A description of a home
GET READY Read Fernanda's description of her home. Which city does she live in? How many rooms does her family's apartment have?

Hi, I'm Fernanda. I live with my family in an apartment in São Paulo, Brazil. It's on the ninth floor of a big block near the city centre. It's got a kitchen, a living room, a bathroom and two bedrooms. I share one of the bedrooms with my sister, Luiza. She's 15. I'd like my own bedroom, but it's OK sharing with Luiza. We like the same things and we enjoy talking at night.

We use pronouns instead of nouns, so we don't have to repeat nouns. Which nouns do the underlined pronouns in Fernanda's description replace? Now replace the underlined nouns in this paragraph with pronouns.

David lives with his family in a small house in York. The house is quite new and the house has two bedrooms.

David shares his bedroom with his baby sister, Mia. Mia is two and a half. David's mum, Helen, is a doctor and his dad, Francisco, is a nurse. Helen and Francisco both work at the local hospital.

PLAN Think about your home. Where is it? What kind of home is it? Who lives there? How many rooms has it got? Do you have your own room, or do you share a bedroom? Make notes.

WRITE Write a description of your home. Use pronouns for some of the nouns.

IMPROVE Read your description and look for mistakes. Check that you included all the information from your plan and that you have used some pronouns.



2 In pairs, tell your partner about your home. Use the words in the box to help you.

3 In pairs, choose one of the unusual places on your list and decide how you can make it into a comfortable and cosy home. Present your unusual home to the class.

LISTENING

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Listening Part 1

1 For each question, choose the correct answer.

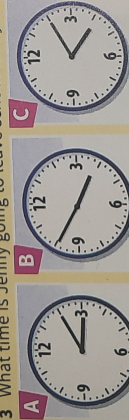
1 What is the number of Maria's house?



2 Which is Jason's house?



3 What time is Jenny going to leave school today?



4 What colour does Ben want to paint his bedroom?



5 What is Sarah going to do this afternoon?



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READING

- 1 Look at the photos of the unusual homes. What do you think they are like inside?
- 2 Read the article and match the photos A–D to paragraphs 1–4.

STRANGE HOUSES

Most of us live in an apartment or in a house. Our homes often look similar to our neighbours' from the outside, but on the inside they can be very different. Most of us like our homes to be cosy and comfortable, but we have very different ideas about what that means. Some people like to have bright colours and lots of furniture, others prefer a cool, modern-looking home.

However, some houses look very unusual from the outside. Have a look at these four photos.

1 Do you like flying? Then, this attractive house is for you. It's in Lebanon and is the shape of a plane. It's got small windows, so it's not very light inside, but in a warm country, small windows keep a house cool in summer.

2 This very unusual house is in Mexico. It looks like part of the rock – and it is! The walls and the roof of the house are part of a very big rock. The family made the house more than 30 years ago. We can't see inside, but it looks quite dark, cool and peaceful.

3 In 1968, a group of swimmers first had the idea to build this tiny house on a rock in the middle of the River Drina in Serbia. It's not only small but, as you can see, it's also not easy to get there. In winter it can be quite cold, so people use it mostly in summer.

4 A Japanese company designed this football-shaped house in 2006. It's got 32 sides and four legs and can sit on top of water. It's very small but has big windows, so there is lots of light. What a great place to live!

3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 What does the house in Lebanon look like?
- 2 Why are small windows important in a warm country?
- 3 What is the Mexican house made of?
- 4 How old is the house?
- 5 What can you find in the middle of the River Drina?
- 6 When do most people use the house? Why?
- 7 What does the Japanese house look like?
- 8 Why is it very bright inside?

TALKING POINTS

Which of these houses would you like to live in? Why?

Which of these houses would you not like to live in? Why?

Do you know about any other unusual homes? Tell your partner about them.



VOCABULARY

Adjectives to describe homes

- 1 Find these words in the article and complete the table.

attractive	bright	cold	comfortable
cool	cosy	dark	light
tiny	unusual	warm	peaceful

30 Listen and check. Then repeat.

Opinion	Size	Temperature	Sound	Light