

USEFUL VOCABULARY TO DESCRIBE HOMES, HOUSES AND ROOMS

KINDS OF HOUSES (among others)

- A brick-built house = made out of bricks
- A detached house = not joined to another house
- A semi-detached house = is joined to another house by one wall that they share
- A terraced house = a house in a row of similar houses joined together on both sides. The American word is "row house".
- A houseboat
- A chalet = A wooden house typically found in the Swiss Alps.
- A cottage = a small house, *especially* in the country or in a village
- A bungalow = a (*usually* small) house of one storey/story
- A skyscraper
- A block of flats



ROOMS IN THE HOUSE

- The cellar = it is underneath the house
- Attic = where people store things inside the roof of a building
- The landing = the area at the top of the staircase or between one flight of stairs and the next

- The larder= a small room for storing food
- The utility room= a room where appliances such as the washing machine are used
- The family room (AmE) = a room where the family relaxes and watches TV
- The home office= a room with a telephone , a computer...etc where someone works from home
- The master bedroom= the largest bedroom. It is normally an en suite bedroom (it has a bathroom joined to it)
- The hall

ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOUSES AND ROOMS

- A **(fully) furnished** house or room= one that you rent with furniture already in it. The opposite is **unfurnished**.
- **spacious** room or house= has a lot of space inside it
- A **well-appointed** room or house has attractive or expensive decoration and furniture.
- A **bare** room = empty of furniture
- A **cluttered** room=full of things in a way that is untidy
- **Dimly-lit** room is a room without much light
For example: The room was dimly-lit but comfortable.
- If a room is **tidy**, it is arranged neatly and with everything in order
- A **cozy** room or house gives a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation
- A **well-maintained** house= kept in good condition
- An **airy** room= (Of a room or building) **spacious, well lit, and well ventilated**
- A **noisy** room
- Houses can be **cheap, low-priced, overpriced, expensive, perfectly priced, well-priced and economical**
- A **huge** room or house
- A **windowless** room
- A **high-ceilinged** room
- An **elegant, luxurious** room or house

Can you describe the kind of house you live in and your favourite room?

