ESOL Entry Level – Vocabulary – Houses and homes

This companion document covers the same learning as the interactive session, but in a different way so as to be more accessible for learners with sight impairments. Because of this, it does not follow a slide structure.

Welcome

Welcome to this session on houses and homes.

By the end of this session, you will:

* Know different types of home
* Understand floors and storeys
* Know common features found in the home

The different types of home

People live in different types of homes. Let’s learn more about each of the type of home.

**Flat**

A tower block is a tall building containing lots of flats. A flat is a home that shares a building with other homes.

**Bungalow**

A bungalow is a single storey house. It only has rooms on the ground floor. It does not have stairs.

**House**

A house has more than one storey. A house may or may not be joined to another house.

**Houseboat**

A houseboat is a floating home. A houseboat may stay in one place, or it may travel up and down waterways.

**Mobile home**

A mobile home is a house than can be moved to another place. A mobile home is sometimes called a caravan.

Floors of a house

A floor is the same as a storey. If you live in a three-storey home, this means your home has three floors. In the UK, we call the floor that is at the level of the surrounding land the ground floor. This is usually where you enter the building. We then count the floors above it as the first floor, second floor, third floor and so on. A floor that goes below the level of the land surrounding the ground floor is called the basement. You can have multiple levels of basement, but they are usually found in commercial or private buildings, not in homes.

Features of a home

The following are features commonly found in homes, as well as some information explaining what they are.

**Front** **door**

A front door is the main entrance to a home.

**Door**

A door is used to enter and exit a room.

**Window**

A window lets light into a room.

**Floor**

You walk on the floor.

**Ceiling**

The ceiling is the surface above you.

**Stairs**

Stairs are a set of steps used to move from one storey to another.

Knowledge checks

Below are a few questions to test your understanding of the information presented in this session.

Question 1:

What type of home is found in water?

1. Mobile home
2. Flat
3. Bungalow
4. Houseboat

Answer: A **houseboat** is usually found in water.

Question 2:

Is the following statement true or false?

“A bungalow is a home with only two floors.”

Answer: That statement is **false**. A bungalow is a home with only one floor – the ground floor.

Question 3:

What feature commonly found in homes which lets people move between floors?

1. Door
2. Stairs
3. Ceiling
4. Window

Answer: The **stairs** are what allow people to move between floors.

Summary

Well done. You have completed this session on houses and homes.

You should now:

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If you have any questions about anything covered in this session, please speak to your tutor for more help.