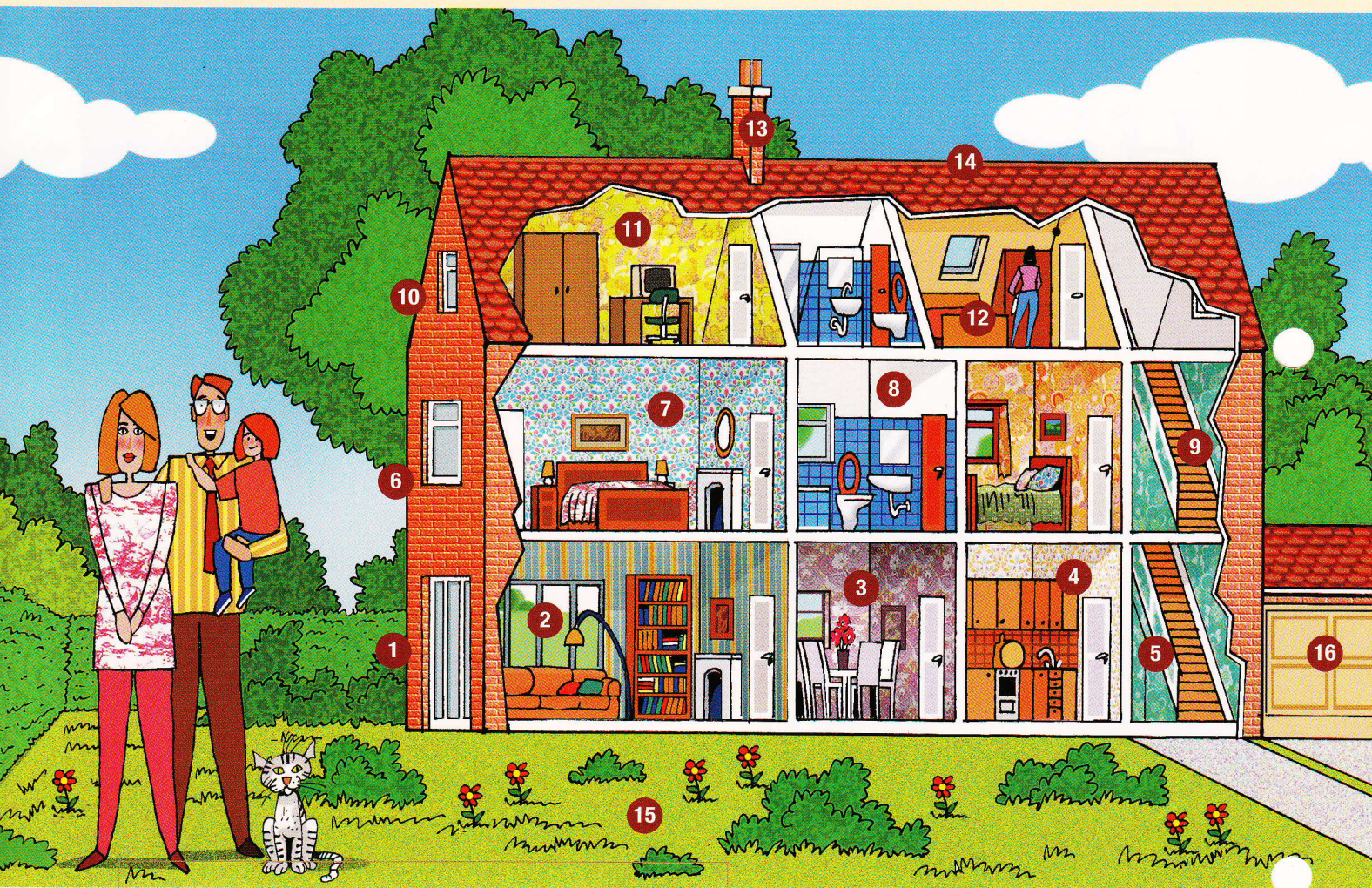


Home sweet home

This month, ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents key words around the house.

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Jeffrey lives outside of town, in the **suburbs**. His **household** consists of four people: his wife, his daughter, an au pair and himself.

He has a **spacious** house with a large garden. The **downstairs** rooms are light and **airy**, and the **lounge** has **French windows**. There are two **bedrooms** on the first floor and a **spare room**, bathroom and **study** in the loft.

Jeffrey's sister Susan lives in the **city centre**. She shares a two-bedroom flat with a colleague. The lounge faces north, so it's always dark. The kitchen is **tiny** — there's not even enough room for two people. The bathroom is cold and **draughty** because the window doesn't shut properly. Both bedrooms **overlook** the street, which is very noisy at night. Susan doesn't like her **flatmate** (who never does any **housework**), and she doesn't like her **landlord** (who charges too much **rent**). One day, she hopes to buy her own place and move out to a quiet suburb, like her brother.

Parts of the house

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| 1. ground floor / downstairs (US: first floor) | 8. bathroom |
| 2. living room (UK also: lounge) | 9. stairs |
| 3. dining room | 10. loft / attic |
| 4. kitchen | 11. study / office (US: den) |
| 5. (entrance) hall | 12. spare room / guest room |
| 6. first floor / upstairs (US: second floor) | 13. chimney |
| 7. bedroom | 14. roof |
| | 15. garden (US: yard) |
| | 16. garage |

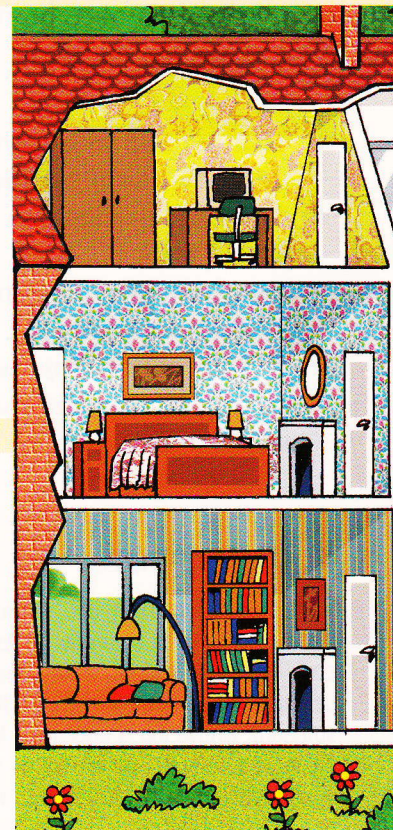
Practice Try these exercises to check that you know words having to do with the home.

1. Find the nouns that match the definitions below.

- The main room of a flat or house: _____
- The area just inside the door of a house: _____
- The part of a house just below the roof: _____
- Your home and all the people in it: _____
- A man who owns the house you live in: _____
- Money you pay to live in someone else's house: _____

2. Match the sentence halves.

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| a) My bedroom overlooks | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. a two-bedroom flat. |
| b) They moved out | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. east. |
| c) Jenny and Ann share | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. the river. |
| d) The dining room faces | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. on the second floor. |
| e) The spare room is | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. too much rent. |
| f) The landlady charges | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. to the suburbs. |



3. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below.

- Her boyfriend does most of the **housework / homework**, but she does all the cooking.
- I work at home, so I have my own **bureau / study** with a desk and a computer.
- The rent's too high for me, so I'm looking for a **flatmate / landlord**.
- You'll have to sleep in the lounge, because we haven't got a **spare room / bedroom**.
- They've bought a **spacious / tiny** five-bedroom house in an expensive suburb.
- It's so **airy / draughty** in here. Could you shut the door, please?
- My room is in the attic, but the bathroom is **on / in** the first floor.

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Learning tip

Think twice

Try to personalize this month's topic by writing a short description of your own flat or house. Where is it? Does it belong to you, or do you rent it? How many rooms does it have? Make sentences like those in exercise 2 to talk about it. Think of some things you like about it and some that you don't like.

