

MP3 19 The place where we live

- Types of house**
- block of flats /blɒk əv 'flæts/
 - building /'bɪldɪŋ/
 - bungalow /'bʌŋɡələʊ/
 - castle /'kɑːsl/
 - cottage /'kɒtɪdʒ/
 - detached house /dɪ'tætʃt 'hɑːs/
 - family home /'fæmli həʊm/
 - farmhouse /'fɑːm'hɑːs/
 - flat /flæt/
 - house /haʊs/
 - mansion /'mænjən/
 - nursing home /'nɜːsɪŋ həʊm/
 - semi-detached house /,semi dɪ'tætʃt 'hɑːs/
 - studio flat /'stjuːdiəʊ flæt/
 - terraced house /,terəst 'hɑːs/
 - tower block /'taʊə ,blɒk/
 - villa /'vɪlə/
 - affordable housing /ə,'fɔːdəbl 'hɑʊzɪŋ/ **EXTENDED**
 - all mod cons /,ɔːl mɒd 'kɒnz/
 - auction /'ɔːkʃn/
 - bedsit /'bedsɪt/
 - bid /bɪd/
 - dilapidated /dɪ'læpɪdeɪtɪd/
 - housing estate /'hɑʊzɪŋ ɪ'steɪt/
 - in need of renovation /ɪn ,niːd əv ,renə'veɪʃn/
 - mobile home /,məʊbaɪl 'həʊm/
 - retirement flat /rɪ'taɪəmənt flæt/
 - sheltered accommodation /,ʃeltəd ə,kɒmə'deɪʃn/
 - under construction /,ʌndə kən'strʌkʃn/

- Location**
- away from /ə'weɪ frəm/
 - city /sɪti/
 - commute /kə'mjuːt/
 - district /'dɪstrɪkt/
 - in a rural area /ɪn ə ,rʊərəl 'eəriə/
 - in the centre /ɪn ðə 'sentə/
 - in the countryside /ɪn ðə 'kʌntri,saɪd/
 - in the suburbs /ɪn ðə 'sʌbɜːbz/
 - inhabitant /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/
 - located /ləʊ'keɪtɪd/
 - neighbour /'neɪbə/
 - neighbourhood /'neɪbəhʊd/
 - Old Town /əʊld 'taʊn/
 - on the edge of /ɒn ði 'edʒ əv/
 - overlook /,əʊvə'lʊk/
 - public transport /,pʌblɪk 'træns'pɔːt/
 - residents /'rezɪdənts/
 - view /vjuː/
 - village /'vɪlɪdʒ/
 - a stone's throw from /ə ,stəʊnz 'θrəʊ frəm/ **EXTENDED**
 - across the road from /ə,kros ðə 'rəʊd frəm/

- amenities /ə'mɪnətɪz/
- central location /,sentrəl ləʊ'keɪʃn/
- hustle and bustle /,hʌsl ən 'bʌsl/
- in the heart of the countryside /ɪn ðə ,hɑːt əv ðə 'kʌntri,saɪd/
- in the middle of nowhere /ɪn ðə ,mɪdl əv 'nəʊweə/
- lane /leɪn/
- off the beaten track /ɒf ðə biːtn 'træk/
- within walking distance of /wɪðɪn 'wɔːkɪŋ ,dɪstəns əv/

MP3 20 Describing houses

- Rooms and parts of the house**
- attic /'ætɪk/
 - balcony /'bælkəni/
 - basement / cellar /'beɪsmənt / 'selə/
 - bathroom /'bɑːθru:m/
 - bedroom /'bedru:m/
 - carport /'kɑːpɔːt/
 - ceiling /'siːlɪŋ/
 - chimney /'tʃɪmni/
 - dining room /'daɪnɪŋ ,ru:m/
 - door /dɔː/
 - downstairs /,daʊn'steəz/
 - drive /draɪv/
 - fence /fens/
 - fireplace /'faɪəpleɪs/
 - front / back door /,frʌnt / ,bæk 'dɔː/
 - garage /'gærɑːʒ/
 - garden /'gɑːdn/
 - gate /geɪt/
 - ground floor /,graʊnd 'flɔː/
 - hall /hɔːl/
 - hedge /hedʒ/
 - island /'aɪlənd/
 - kitchen /'kɪtʃən/
 - laundry room /'ləʊndri ru:m/
 - lift /lɪft/
 - living room / lounge /'lɪvɪŋ ru:m / laʊndʒ/
 - loft /lɒft/
 - porch /pɔːtʃ/
 - roof /ruːf/
 - shed /ʃed/
 - sitting room /'sɪtɪŋ ru:m/
 - stairs / staircase /steəz / 'steə,keɪs/ schody/
 - steps /steps/
 - study /'stʌdi/
 - upstairs /ʌp'steəz/
 - wall /wɔːl/
 - burglar alarm /'bɜːglə ə,lɑːm/ **EXTENDED**
 - double-glazed /,dʌb(ə)l 'gleɪzɪd/
 - extension /ɪk'stenʃn/
 - fish pond /'fɪʃ ,pɒnd/
 - floorboards /'flɔː,bɔːdz/
 - flowerbed /'flaʊə,bed/
 - landing /'lændɪŋ/
 - smoke alarm /'sməʊk ə,lɑːm/
 - solar panels /,səʊlə 'pænlz/
 - stair rail /'steə reɪl/
 - utility room /juː'tɪləti ru:m/
 - windowsill /'wɪndəʊ,sɪl/

- Describing a house**
- airy /'eəri/
 - brick /brɪk/
 - bright /braɪt/

- cluttered /'klʌtəd/
- comfortable /'kɒmfətəbl/
- convert /kən'veɪt/
- cosy /'kəʊzi/
- decorated /'dekəreɪtɪd/
- eco-friendly /,iːkəʊ 'frendli/
- furnished / unfurnished /'fɜːnɪʃt / ʌn'fɜːnɪʃt/
- glass /glɑːs/
- homely /'həʊmli/
- luxurious /lʌg'zjuəriəs/
- maintain /meɪn'teɪn/
- modern /'mɒdən/
- mud /mʌd/
- second-hand /,sekənd 'hænd/
- spacious /'speɪʃəs/
- steel /stiːl/
- stone /stəʊn/
- tidy / untidy /'taɪdi / ʌn'taɪdi/
- wooden /'wʊdn/
- badly-decorated /,bædli 'dekəreɪtɪd/ **EXTENDED**
- cramped /kræmpt/
- dingy /'dɪŋdʒi/
- dusty /'dʌsti/
- oak /əʊk/
- old-fashioned /,əʊld 'fæʃnd/
- open-plan /,əʊpən 'plæn/
- stuffy /'stʌfi/
- unique-looking /juː,nɪk 'lʊkɪŋ/
- well-maintained /,wel meɪn'teɪnd/

Furniture and equipment

- alarm clock /ə'lɑːm ,klɒk/
- armchair /'ɑːm,tʃeə/
- bath /bɑːθ/
- bed /bed/
- bedside table /,bedsaɪd 'teɪbl/
- bin /bɪn/
- blanket /'blæŋkɪt/
- blinds /blændz/
- bookcase /'bʊk,keɪs/
- bookshelf / bookshelves /'bʊk,ʃelf / 'bʊk,ʃelvz/
- carpet /'kɑːpɪt/
- CD player /,siː 'diː ,pleɪə/
- central heating /,sentrəl 'hiːtɪŋ/
- chair /tʃeə/
- chest of drawers /,tʃest əv 'drɔːz/
- cooker /'kʊkə/
- cupboard /'kʌbəd/
- curtains / net curtains /'kɜːtɪnz / ,net 'kɜːtɪnz/
- cushion /'kʊʃn/
- desk /desk/
- dishwasher /'dɪʃ,wɒʃə/
- double bed /,dʌbl 'bed/
- duvet /'duːvet/
- equipment /'kwɪpmənt/
- fireplace /'faɪəpleɪs/
- fitted carpet /'fɪtɪd 'kɑːpɪt/
- flowerpot /'flaʊə,pɒt/
- freezer /'friːzə/
- fridge /frɪdʒ/
- hoover /'huːvə/
- lamp /læmp/
- light /laɪt/
- lighting /'laɪtɪŋ/
- microwave /'maɪkrəweɪv/
- mirror /'mɪrə/
- oven /'ʌvən/

picture /'pɪktʃə/ _____
 pillow /'pɪləʊ/ _____
 poster /'pəʊstə/ _____
 radiator /'reɪdɪ,etə/ _____
 rug /rʌg/ _____
 sheet /ʃi:t/ _____
 shelf /ʃelf/ _____
 shower /'ʃaʊə/ _____
 single bed /'sɪŋgl 'bed/ _____
 sink /sɪŋk/ _____
 sofa /'səʊfə/ _____
 table /'teɪbl/ _____
 toaster /'təʊstə/ _____
 toilet /'tɔɪlət/ _____
 TV set /'ti: 'vi: set/ _____
 wallpaper /'wɔ:l,peɪpə/ _____
 wardrobe /'wɔ:drəʊb/ _____
 washbasin /'wɒʃ,beɪsn/ _____
 washing machine /'wɒʃɪŋ mə,ʃi:n/ _____
 antique /'æntɪ:k/ _____
 fruit bowl /'fru:t ,bəʊl/ _____
 hand (of a clock) /hænd (əv ə 'klɒk)/ _____
 kettle /'ketl/ _____
 kitchen appliances /'kɪtʃən ə'plɑ:ənsɪz/ _____
 kitchen utensils /'kɪtʃən ju:'tenslz/ _____
 mantelpiece /'mæntl,pi:s/ _____
 ornament /'ɔ:nəmənt/ _____
 potted plant /'pɒtɪd 'plɑ:nt/ _____
 shutters /'ʃʌtəz/ _____
 silver frame /'sɪlvə 'freɪm/ _____
 rack /ræk/ _____

MP3 21 Household and garden jobs

change the sheets /tʃeɪndʒ də 'ʃi:tʃ/ _____
 do the gardening /,du: də 'gɑ:dnɪŋ/ _____
 do the housework /,du: də 'haʊs,wɜ:k/ _____
 empty the dishwasher /'emptɪ də 'dɪʃ,wɒʃə/ _____
 have green fingers /,grɪn 'fɪŋgəz/ _____
 Hoover the carpet /,hu:və θə 'kɑ:pɪt/ _____
 iron the clothes /,aɪən θə 'kləʊðz/ _____
 make the bed /,meɪk ðə 'bed/ _____
 mow the lawn /,məʊ ðə 'lɔ:n/ _____
 sweep the floor /,swi:p ðə 'flɔ:/ _____

tidy the desk /,taɪdɪ ðə 'desk/ _____
 broom /bru:m/ _____
 brush /brʌʃ/ _____
 duster /'dʌstə/ _____
 lawnmower /'lɔ:n,məʊə/ _____
 rake /reɪk/ _____
 rubber gloves /'rʌbə 'glʌvz/ _____
 spade /speɪd/ _____
 towel /'traʊəl/ _____

MP3 22 Renting, purchasing and selling property

accommodation /ə,kɒmə'deɪʃn/ _____
 ad /æd/ _____
 advert /'ædvɜ:t/ _____
 flatmate / housemate / roommate /'flæt,meɪt /
 'haʊs,meɪt / 'ru:m,meɪt/ _____
 for sale /fə 'seɪl/ _____
 landlord / landlady /'lænd,lɔ:d / 'lænd,leɪdi/ _____
 live on one's own /,lɪv ɒn wʌnz 'əʊn/ _____
 move in / move out /,mu:v 'ɪn / ,mu:v 'aʊt/ _____
 pay in advance /,peɪ ɪn əd'vɑ:ns/ _____
 rent /rent/ _____
 share a room / flat / house /,ʃeə ə 'ru:m / 'flæt /
 'haʊs/ _____
 to let /tə 'let/ _____
 bill /bɪl/ _____
 budget /'bʌdʒɪt/ _____
 charge /tʃɑ:dʒ/ _____
 deposit /dɪ'pɒzɪt/ _____
 estate agent /'eɪsteɪ 'eɪdʒənt/ _____
 housewarming /'haʊs,wɔ:mnɪŋ/ _____
 instalments /ɪn'stɔ:lmənts/ _____
 notice /'nəʊtɪs/ _____
 payment /'peɪmənt/ _____
 per week / per month /,pə 'wi:k / ,pə 'mʌnθ/ _____
 take out a mortgage /teɪk ,aʊt ə 'mɔ:ɡɪdʒ/ _____
 tenant /'tenənt/ _____

MP3 23 Other

affordable /ə'fɔ:dəbəl/ _____
 beyond /bɪ'jɒnd/ _____
 complain /kəm'pleɪn/ _____
 embellish /ɪm'belɪʃ/ _____
 fully furnished /fʊli 'fɜ:nɪʃt/ _____
 keep your eyes on /,ki:p jə 'aɪz ɒn/ _____
 miss /mɪs/ _____
 nearby /,nɪə'baɪ/ _____
 rough /rʌf/ _____
 sharp /ʃɑ:p/ _____
 sigh /saɪ/ _____
 stare at /'steə ət/ _____
 sulk /sʌlk/ _____
 tiny /'taɪni/ _____
 be off your head /bɪ ɒf jə 'hed/ _____
 blurry /'blɜ:ri/ _____
 bump into /'bʌmp ɪntə/ _____
 get into /'get ɪntə/ _____
 kick up a fuss /kɪk ʌp ə 'fʌs/ _____
 rambling /'ræmblɪŋ/ _____
 run-down /,rʌn 'daʊn/ _____
 snug /snʌg/ _____
 solitude /'sɒlə,tju:d/ _____
 squashed /skwɒʃt/ _____
 stain /steɪn/ _____
 stream in /,stri:m 'ɪn/ _____
 stumble upon /'stʌmbəl ə,pʊn/ _____
 turn into /'tɜ:n ɪntə/ _____
 turn up for /,tɜ:n 'ʌp fɔ:/ _____
 wrapped up in /,ræpt 'ʌp ɪn/ _____

VOCABULARY OVERVIEW

Choose the correct words to complete the blog.

We (1) **changed** / **moved** into our new house yesterday. I had really been looking forward to leaving my tiny room in the old semi-(2) **detached** / **terraced** house and filling the new place with loads of new stuff. We're now in the countryside on the edge of a village and my room is right up in the (3) **attic** / **ground floor**. Sounds strange but it's amazing. It's really spacious (unlike my last room) and (4) **open** / **airy** with a skylight and windows that (5) **oversee** / **overlook** open fields. And I have my own (6) **drive** / **staircase** to get up there – everyone else is on the (7) **storey** / **floor** below! There's plenty of room for my new, big (8) **twin** / **double** bed and oak (9) **wardrobes** / **hangings** for my clothes. On the floor, I've got two lovely red and green (10) **blinds** / **rugs** covering the original (11) **floorboards** / **bricks**. The house is old and everything is a bit old-(12) **styled** / **fashioned**. The kitchen has an ancient (13) **cooker** / **cook** that hasn't seen a saucepan in years and I think the (14) **boxes** / **cupboards** to keep all the plates and things are about a hundred years old. The (15) **roof** / **ceiling** is very low and dad keeps hitting his head when he goes through the doors. I have to say that downstairs the (16) **poster** / **wallpaper** is a bit dingy, but we can take it off and redecorate, which will be fun. It's a bit different from being in the (17) **blocks** / **suburbs** further from the town centre, in a stylish, modern house with all mod cons. I think it will get a bit cold in winter. There are no radiators – just (18) **fireplaces** / **mantelpieces** in every room. But I love it! The (19) **community** / **neighbours** are cool, too. They came round last night with a welcome cake for us all. I'm really glad we've moved here. Mum and dad are (20) **hiring** / **renting** the house for three months to see if we like being (21) **distant** / **away** from the town. As far as I'm concerned, we're here to stay and I don't care if there's no public transport – I'll learn to ride a horse!