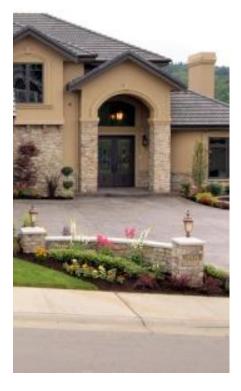
Question: Do you like the location of your home? Why? / Why not?

• Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



- A advice n. appliance n.
 B back yard n. basement n. bedroom n.
- C commute v.
- **D** downtown *n*.
- H home n.
- I living room *n*.
- N neighborhood n.
- S suburb n.
- V view n.

What Should We Do?

Dear Annie,

I read your newspaper advice column every week. You always give really good (1)______ to people who need your help. Now, I have a problem, so I'm e-mailing you for advice. My family and I live in a big, beautiful house in a great (2)_____. It's located outside the city, in a (3)_____. There is a large, spacious (4)______ with a nice (5)______ of our front yard. In our front yard, there is a garden and a tall pine tree. There are also lots of trees in our (6)_____. We really like our kitchen with its modern (7) ______s. There are also four bedrooms: one master bedroom for my husband and me, and three smaller (8)_____s for our three kids. There is also a (9) where we can put things, like our bicycles. Unfortunately, I started a new job last month, and now it takes me over 90 minutes to (10)______ to work. As well, my oldest daughter just started college, and she also spends a lot of time on buses every day. Annie, we love our (11)_____, but should we move into a much smaller 3-bedroom apartment closer to (12) – to be closer to work and school? ~Sarah



(about 200 words)

APARTMENTS and HOUSES What Should We Do?

Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.
- appliance used to say that something bad or unlucky happened 1. Α.
- 2. basement Β. having much space
- 3. commute С. the part of the building that is below ground
- **4.** downtown D. the part of a city with tall buildings, stores, and offices
- 5. spacious Ε. the things that can be seen from a certain place
- 6. suburb F. an area where people live in houses near a larger city
- 7. unfortunately G. to travel regularly to and from work
- 8. view Η. a machine like a stove or refrigerator that uses electricity

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.
- **F** In the paragraph, Sarah says she doesn't like her home so she wants to move. 1.
- 2. _____ She is e-mailing her friend for advice.
- **3.** She lives in a suburb.
- **4.** There are lots of trees in her front yard.
- **5.** It takes her a long time to get to work.
- 6. He oldest daughter has finished high school.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.
- 1. Where do you live? Do you like the location? Why? / Why not?
- 2. What Sarah and her family should do? Should they move to a smaller apartment to be closer to work and her daughter's college? Why? / Why not?
- 3. What does your apartment or house look like? Can you describe it?



What Should We Do?

Grammar-in-Context

• Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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APARTMENTS and HOUSES What Should We Do?

Writing Practice 1

• Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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Writing Practice – Option '2a'

• **DESCRIPTIVE Writing:** Write a short paragraph to describe your home. Remember to use 'There is...' and 'There are...' in your writing.

OR

• **OPINION Writing:** Which is better: living downtown, or living in the suburbs. Write your opinion and give reasons.



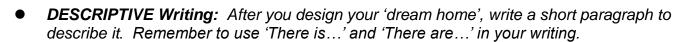
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Writing Practice – Option '2b'





LESSON: Apartments & Houses

Answer Key

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Language	Focus 'There is' and					
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EXPLORE on-line (more listening & reading, practice for learners):

http://www.esl-lab.com/live/liverd1.htm

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTPpfhnXFIc

http://www.listenaminute.com/a/apartments.html

- THINK GREEN! Whenever possible, consider:
 - double-siding

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- photocopies having students
 - share copies
- using an OHP or smartboard