Home and housing ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- How many rooms are there?
- What is your favourite room?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
house	a building where people live, usually one family	We live in a small house.
apartment	a set of rooms to live in, inside a bigger building (British English: flat)	My apartment is on the fifth floor.
room	a part of a building with walls, a floor and a door	How many rooms are there?
kitchen	the room where you cook	The kitchen is very big.
bedroom	the room where you sleep	My bedroom is small but nice.
bathroom	the room with a toilet, a shower or a bath	The bathroom is upstairs.
living room	the room where you sit, relax and watch TV	We watch TV in the living room.
garden	an area with grass and plants next to a house (American English: yard)	We have a garden with flowers.
door	the thing you open to go into a room or building	Close the door, please.
window	an opening with glass in a wall	Can you open the window?

Grammar focus (10 min): There is and there are

Noor arrives at a small hotel. Felix, the receptionist, tells her: “There is a restaurant on the ground floor, and there are two cafés in this street. There isn’t a gym, sorry.” By the end of this lesson you can say what exists in a place, what doesn’t, and ask about it.

Form	Pattern	Example
One	there is · there’s + a / an	There’s a lift.
Many	there are + plural	There are two cafés.
Negative	there isn’t a · there aren’t any	There aren’t any taxis.
Question	Is there a…? · Are there any…?	How many rooms are there?

Watch for: ~~There are a bank near here.~~ → **There is a bank near here.**. One bank: there is.

Speaking (15 min): Describe and draw

The learner describes one room of their home while you draw it on a shared whiteboard, following only what they say. Compare the drawing with reality and correct it together using prepositions of place.

Useful language

- There’s a… / There are some…
- It’s cosy / spacious / bright / a bit dark.
- a landlord · a tenant · a flatmate · a mortgage
- It’s next to… / opposite… / on the second floor
- to rent · to move in · to share · to do up
- It’s a ten-minute walk from…

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about home and housing using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 home and housing vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Home and housing (A1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

sofa · chairs · table · stairs · fridge · lamp · bed · shower

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. The keys are on the _____.
2. I have a _____ every morning.
3. I go to _____ at eleven.
4. There are four _____ in the kitchen.
5. There's a _____ next to my bed.
6. The milk is in the _____.
7. The cat is sleeping on the _____.
8. Our bedrooms are up the _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What is there in your kitchen?
2. How long have you lived there?
3. Is your street quiet or noisy?
4. What can you see from your window?
5. Do you have a garden or a balcony?

Write

Write 80–120 words about home and housing. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 table · 2 shower · 3 bed · 4 chairs · 5 lamp · 6 fridge · 7 sofa · 8 stairs