Home and housing ESL lesson plan (B1)

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

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Describe the home you grew up in.
- What would you change about where you live now?
- Have you ever had a problem with a neighbour?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
landlord	a person who rents a house or apartment to you	Our landlord lives in the same building.
tenant	a person who pays rent to live somewhere	The tenants complained about the noise.
flatmate	a person you share an apartment with (American English: roommate)	I have two flatmates.
roommate	a person you share a room or an apartment with	My roommate is always cooking.
deposit	money you pay before renting, which you get back later	We paid a month's rent as a deposit.
bills	money you pay for electricity, water, gas and internet	The rent includes bills.
mortgage	a loan from a bank to buy a house	It took them 25 years to pay off their mortgage.
furnished	with furniture already in it	We're looking for a furnished apartment.
spacious	with a lot of space	The apartment is bright and spacious.
cozy	small, warm and comfortable	It's a cozy little cottage.

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.
- Self-study: the B1 home and housing vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Home and housing (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

city center · commute · share · leak · suburbs · repaired · settled in · decorating

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. The landlord still hasn't _____ the heating.
2. There's a _____ in the bathroom ceiling.
3. I _____ a flat with three friends.
4. I'd love to live in the _____.
5. We're _____ the living room.
6. They live in the _____.
7. Have you _____ yet?
8. My _____ takes an hour.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. What is the best and worst thing about your neighbourhood?
2. Would you rather live in a small flat in the centre or a big house far away?
3. Tell me about moving house: was it easy?
4. What makes a place feel like home?
5. What do you do yourself at home, and what do you pay someone to do?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 repaired · 2 leak · 3 share · 4 city center · 5 decorating · 6 suburbs · 7 settled in · 8 commute