Home and housing ESL lesson plan (B2)

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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
housing market	the buying and selling of houses in an area	The housing market is very competitive.
affordable	cheap enough for most people to pay	There isn't enough affordable housing.
soaring	rising very quickly	Soaring rents are pushing young people out of the city.
gentrification	when richer people move into a poor area and change it	Gentrification has changed the old port district.
homeowner	a person who owns their home	Most homeowners here have a mortgage.
down payment	the first part of the price you pay when you buy a house	They saved for years for a down payment.
evict	to force someone to leave the place they live, by law	The family was evicted for not paying rent.
renovate	to repair and improve an old building	They renovated an old farmhouse.
downsize	to move to a smaller home	After the kids left, they downsized.
open-plan	with few walls, so the space is one large room	We love our open-plan kitchen.

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 B2 home and housing vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Home and housing (B2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

curb appeal · run-down · cramped · secluded · fixer-upper · get on the property ladder · make yourself at home · amenities

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. The area has excellent _____.
2. They bought a _____ house and fixed it up.
3. Fresh paint adds _____.
4. Six of us lived in a _____ apartment.
5. It's hard to _____ these days.
6. They have a _____ cottage in the woods.
7. Come in and _____.
8. We bought a _____ and did the work ourselves.

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 amenities · 2 run-down · 3 curb appeal · 4 cramped · 5 get on the property ladder · 6 secluded · 7 make yourself at home · 8 fixer-upper