

3A Teacher's notes Dream home

Activity: Describing and asking questions about places to live

Language point: Inside and outside the home; prepositions of place (Unit 3, Section A)

Time: 30 minutes

Materials: One handout for each group of three students, cut in three.

Procedure:

- Ask *What's important for you in a bedroom?* Tell students to number the items from 1 (very important) to 5 (not important).
- Put the students in pairs to discuss their answers for a couple of minutes, then elicit a few opinions in open class.
- Tell the class they're going to do a speaking activity about choosing a place to live.
- Hold up the handouts to show the class. Explain that the handouts have information about three places to live, but that some of the information is missing. They need to ask questions to find the missing information.
- Divide the class into three groups (A, B and C) and give each group their section of the handout. Subdivide the groups into pairs. Give them 5–10 minutes to read their handouts and work together to prepare the questions they need to ask to find out the missing information, e.g. *Where is the Blue House? How many bedrooms has Grand Court got?* Monitor and give support where necessary.
- Put the students into A/B/C groups. Explain that they want to live together. They need to choose a place to live. Students take turns to ask questions to find the missing information.
- When all the students in a group have all the information, they talk together about which house they would like to live in and why.
- Option: Groups that finish quickly can talk about what furniture they want to have in their new house or flat. Offer some prompt questions, e.g. *What do you want on the walls? What do you want in the bedrooms?*
- When all the groups are ready, invite each one to tell the rest of the class which place they want to live in and why. Did the groups choose the same place or not?

KEY:

Grand Court

It's a house. It's in the city.

It's next to a swimming pool.

It's got four bedrooms.

Every bedroom has got a shower.

The kitchen and bathroom have got big cupboards.

The living room has got three sofas and a big TV.

The Blue House

It's a house. It's between the city and the sea.

It's opposite a school.

It's got three bedrooms.

It's got a big garden.

The garden has got a table and four chairs.

The living room has got big windows.

Flat 3B

It's a flat. It's near the sea.

It's got two bedrooms and four beds.

The walls of the living room are green.

Every room has got a beautiful rug on the floor.

The kitchen has got a small cooker.

It's got a garden on the roof.