

Home is more than an address. Tell your story.

TODAY'S TOPIC

Where you live is a practical topic, but also a personal one. What your home is like, how it feels, what you miss, and what you have learned to love.

You do not need to describe every room. Talk about how it feels to live where you live.

START HERE (SAY THESE OUT LOUD)

One sentence each. No writing. Just speak.

- Are you happy where you are living now?
- How is living here different from living back home?
- What is the first thing you do when you get home?

If you get stuck, start with: "My place is not big, but..."

Say what comes to mind.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Choose 2 or 3 that match how you actually talk about this topic.

to rent	to pay to live somewhere without owning it <i>"I rent a small flat near the centre."</i>
neighbours	the people who live near you <i>"My neighbours are really friendly."</i>
the atmosphere	the feeling or mood of a place <i>"The atmosphere in this neighbourhood is very relaxed."</i>
to feel at home	to feel comfortable and settled somewhere <i>"It took a year before I really felt at home."</i>
to move	to go and live somewhere new <i>"We are moving to a bigger place next year."</i>
upkeep	the work and cost of maintaining a home <i>"The upkeep of a house is expensive."</i>
cosy	warm, comfortable, and inviting <i>"The flat is small but really cosy."</i>
a lease	a rental contract <i>"My lease runs out in six months."</i>

SPEAKING PRACTICE (CHOOSE 3 TO 5)

Answer out loud. 30 to 60 seconds each. Do not write. Just speak.

- Describe where you live. What do you like about it?
- Do you have good or difficult neighbours? Tell me something about them.
- What is the biggest difference between living here and living in your home country?
- Have you ever lived somewhere you really did not like? Why not?
- What would you change about your home if you could?
- Do you feel at home here, or is home still somewhere else?

GO FURTHER

Choose one. Speak for 1 to 2 minutes.

- What does the word 'home' mean to you? Is it a place or a feeling?
- How has where you live affected your daily life?
- Is there a home or place from your past that you will never forget?

THIS WEEK'S SMALL ACTION

Describe your home or neighbourhood to someone in English.

Say what you like about it, what you miss, and what home means to you.

Once this week. That is enough.

Want more practice? The members edition has extended vocabulary, a partner activity, group discussion questions, and a real-life speaking structure.