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Before watching

1. Which of these objects would you typically find in a teenager's bedroom?

- bunk beds • computer • posters • bean bag
- desk • washing machine • toys • CD player
- bicycle • desk lamp

Video vocabulary

2. Match each term with its definition.

- | A | B |
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| 1. detached house | <input type="checkbox"/> a house connected to another house |
| 2. semi-detached house | <input type="checkbox"/> b. portion of a larger building usually with one common entrance |
| 3. terraced house | <input type="checkbox"/> c. the person who owns a building and rents it to others |
| 4. flat/apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> d. generally a large house on its own |
| 5. a landlord/landlady | <input type="checkbox"/> e. a house connected to other houses on both sides |

3. **PW** Describe your house/flat in detail to a partner, mentioning its good and not so good points.

While watching

4. Watch the first part of the video (up to 01:00) and mark the sentences True (T) or False (F).

- 1. The room's very tidy.
- 2. The girl loves animals.
- 3. She thinks her brother has more things than she does.
- 4. Her brother has a special poster on the wall.

5. Write the words below in the order you see them in the video.

- a. a cottage
- b. a semi detached house
- c. a terraced house
- d. a flat/apartment
- e. a detached house

6. Choose the correct option.

1. British houses look *similar/different* to Italian houses.
2. Most British houses *have/don't have* a garden.
3. Semi-detached houses are usually in the *city centre/suburbs*.
4. *More/Less* than 50% of people buy their own home.
5. House prices more than *doubled/tripled* from 1989 to 2001.
6. Young people find it *easy/difficult* to buy their first home.
7. Houses in the country are *cheaper/more expensive* than in towns.
8. *Young/Elderly* people tend to move to the countryside.

7. Watch again the first part of the video (up to 01:00) and write short answers to these questions.

1. What two things are separate in British homes?
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2. How much do detached houses cost sometimes?
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3. Which two organizations do people rent houses/flats from, apart from private landlords?
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4. What was the average price of a house in 2006?
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5. What are two important reasons for people leaving urban areas?
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After watching

8. Watch the first section of the video where the girl shows you her room. Write five sentences comparing this bedroom with your own.

9. **PW** Work in pairs. Draft a rough sketch of your dream house and describe it to your partner.

10. Imagine you've just moved from a big city to a small village. Write a diary for your first week in your new village, describing people and the different way of life you find there.

11. **PW** Go to www.rightmove.co.uk and choose a house or a flat that appeals to you. Print the description or show it to another student on the PC and say why you like the property. Comment on your partner's choice of house/flat.