

G there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns

V the house

P /ɛr/ and /ɪr/

1 VOCABULARY the house

- a Read the advertisement. Would you like to rent this house? Why (not)?
- b Cover the advertisement. What can you remember about the house?
- c With a partner, think of three things you usually find in a bedroom, a bathroom, and a living room.
- d **V p.161 Vocabulary Bank The house**

2 LISTENING

- a **8.11** Kim and Leo are a young couple. They want to rent the house in 1. Cover the conversation and listen. Which three rooms in the house do they go into?
- b Listen again and complete the conversation.

K The yard's wonderful, I love it.

L Is there a ¹garage?

B Oh yes, there's a big garage over there.

K You lived in this house, is that right, Mrs. ...?

B Miss Travers. But call me Barbara, dear. Yes, I lived here. A long time ago. Now I live in town. Let's go inside the house...

This is the ²_____. It's a lovely room, very bright. And this is the library...

L Wow! There's a library, Kim!

K I love the furniture, the old sofa, the armchairs, the ³_____.B And this is the ⁴_____. As you can see, it's very big.

K Is there a dishwasher?

B No, there isn't. It's an old house.

L Never mind. I think it's nice. Is there a ⁵_____ downstairs?B Yes, there's one ⁶_____ and there are three upstairs.K Are there any ⁷_____ with children?

B No, there aren't any neighbors near here. But there are some families with children in town.

K That's great. We have two children.

B Very nice, dear. Now, let's go ⁸_____.

- c **8.12** Listen. What does Kim say about one of the bedrooms? Whose bedroom was it? Do they decide to rent the house?

FOR RENT

Beautiful country house. Very quiet. Six bedrooms, four bathrooms, large yard. Five miles from town. Perfect family house. Low price.





- d **8.13** Kim and Leo go to a local restaurant. Listen and complete extracts 1–6 from their conversation. What do you think they find out?

Leo Well, here's to our new ¹ _____.

Leo Is something ² _____?

Waiter Some people ³ _____ that she was the one who did it.

Waiter Didn't she ⁴ _____ you?

Kim Tell us ⁵ _____?

Kim Oh, how ⁶ _____!

- e **8.14** Now listen to the whole conversation. What do Kim and Leo decide to do in the end? Why?

3 GRAMMAR *there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns*

- a In groups of three, practice the conversation in **2b**. Then complete the chart.

singular	plural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There's a library.	There _____ some families in town.
<input type="checkbox"/> There _____ a dishwasher.	There aren't any neighbors.
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ a garage?	_____ any neighbors?

- b What's the difference between...?

- There are **three** families in town.
- There are **some** families in town.

- c **p.138 Grammar Bank 8B**

- d **Communication** *Is there...? Are there...?*
A p.106 B p.111 Ask and answer questions.

4 PRONUNCIATION /ɛr/ and /ɪr/

- a **8.16** Listen to the words and sounds. Then listen and repeat.

	chair	
	ear	

- b Put the words in the correct row.

there here careful dear wear
 they're near stairs we're hear where

- c **8.17** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat. Which three pairs are pronounced the same?

- d **8.18** Listen and write six sentences or questions.

5 SPEAKING

- a Imagine you want to rent a house or an apartment. Interview a partner. Ask for and give more information if you can.

Is it a house or an apartment?
How old is it?
How big is it?

How many bedrooms are there?
bathrooms

Is there a study?
a yard or a balcony?
a garage?
heat or central air conditioning?

- b Draw a simple plan of one room. Show the plan to your partner and describe the room.

This is the living room. It's big and it's very bright.
There are two sofas and an armchair.

6 WRITING

- p.116 Writing** Describing your home Write a description of your house or apartment for a website.

6 DESCRIBING YOUR HOME

a Read the website and the description of an apartment for rent. Imagine you want to go on vacation to Hermosa Beach, California for a week. Would you like to stay there?

b Number the information in the order it comes in the description.

- Details about some of the rooms
- How far it is from downtown Los Angeles
- What floor the apartment is on
- What rooms there are
- What places or services there are nearby
- What you can see from the apartment
- Where it is

c What adjectives does the writer use to describe...?

- 1 the street 2 the kitchen 3 the view
4 the community swimming pool



so

There's a sofa bed in the study, **so** you can use it as an extra bedroom.

We can use **so** to express a result or consequence, e.g.,

*I was very tired, **so** I went to bed early.*

*My office is near my house, **so** I walk to work.*

d Read the information box. Then plan a description of your house or apartment for the website. Make notes on the topics in **b**.

e Write your description.

f Check your description. Make sure you use *there is / there are* correctly. Show it to another student. Can you find one thing in your partner's description that is the same as yours?

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Search

Bookings

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BECOME A HOST

List your home

Home type	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	City	Rent
Apartment	2	1	Hermosa Beach	\$125 per night



Summary

My apartment is on a quiet street in Hermosa Beach, California. It's on the second floor. There are two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, a study, and a light, pretty kitchen. The kitchen is small, but it has a stove, a refrigerator, and a dishwasher. There's a sofa bed in the study, so you can use it as an extra bedroom. The bedrooms have a great view of the Pacific Ocean — you can see the sun set over the ocean in the evening. There isn't a yard, but the apartment building has a beautiful community swimming pool. The apartment is a five-minute walk from stores, restaurants, and a bus stop. It's also about a 30-minute car ride from downtown Los Angeles.

8A simple past: regular and irregular

1 was / were and could

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- ☒ Gordon **was** Jeremy's business partner. They **were** at his country house. They **could** hear a strange noise.
- ☐ She **wasn't** at home last night. You **weren't** very nice to her. I **couldn't** sleep.
- ☐ **Were** you sick yesterday? When **was** he born? **Could** you see anybody in the library?

2 regular verbs

- ☒ I really **liked** the present. She **wanted** to be a doctor.
- ☐ She **didn't enjoy** the concert. They **didn't arrive** until very late.
- ☐ **Did** you **watch** the game last night? When **did** you **finish** the book?

3 irregular verbs

- ☒ I **went** to Paris last summer. She **slept** on the sofa.
- ☐ He **didn't come** home last night. They **didn't hear** the music.
- ☐ **Did** you **speak** to your sister yesterday? Where **did** you **have** lunch?

- 1 The past of *be* is *was / were*, and the past of *can* is *could*. We add *not* to make negatives and reverse the subject and verb to make questions.
- 2 Regular verbs add *-ed* or *-d* in the simple past ☒, e.g., *want-wanted, like-liked*.
- 3 Irregular verbs change their form in the simple past ☒, e.g., *go-went, see-saw*.
- Regular and irregular verbs (except *can*) use:
 - didn't* + base form to make negatives, e.g., *I didn't like it. She didn't see him.*
 - did* + subject + base form to make questions, e.g., *Did you want to come? Where did she go?*



I went to Paris last summer.



She slept on the sofa.

8B there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns

singular	plural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There's a garage. <input type="checkbox"/> There isn't a swimming pool. <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a bathroom downstairs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There are some pictures on the wall. <input type="checkbox"/> There aren't any plants in the room. <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any neighbors with children?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there is . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there isn't .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there are . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there aren't .

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there is / there are

- We use *there is / there are* to say that something exists or doesn't exist, e.g., *There's a bathroom upstairs. There isn't a bathroom downstairs.*
- We use *there is* + a singular noun and *there are* + plural nouns.
- There is* is often contracted to *There's*. *There are* is not usually contracted.
- When we talk about a list of things, we use *there is* if the first word in the list is singular or *there are* if the first word in the list is plural.
*In my bedroom, **there's** a bed, two chairs, and a desk.*
*In the living room, **there are** two armchairs and a sofa.*

a / an, some, and any

- We often use *there is / isn't* with *a / an*, and *there are / aren't* with *some* and *any*.
- We use *some* and *any* with plural nouns. *Some* = not an exact number, e.g., *There are some eggs in the refrigerator.*
- We use *some* in ☒ sentences and *any* in ☐ and ☐.

There is / There are or It is / They are?

Be careful. *There is* and *It is* are different.**There's** a key on the table. **It's** the key to the kitchen.**There** are three bedrooms in the apartment.**They're** all very small.

8C there was / there were

singular	plural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There was a big mirror. <input type="checkbox"/> There wasn't a TV. <input type="checkbox"/> Was there a bathroom?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There were four lamps. <input type="checkbox"/> There weren't any ghosts. <input type="checkbox"/> Were there any windows?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there was . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there wasn't .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there were . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there weren't .

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- there was / there were* is the past of *there is / there are*. We use *there was / there were* to say that something existed or didn't exist, e.g., *There were two computers in the office, but there wasn't a printer.*

8A

a Complete the conversation using the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

A Where were (be) you last night at 8:00?

B I ¹ _____ (be) at home, Detective. With my wife.
We ² _____ (be) at home all evening.

A ³ What _____ you _____ (do)?

B We ⁴ _____ (watch) TV and then we ⁵ _____
(have) a light dinner. We ⁶ _____ (not be) hungry.
After that, we ⁷ _____ (go) to bed.

A ⁸ What time _____ you _____ (go) to bed?

B About 10 o'clock.

A ⁹ _____ you _____ (hear) a noise during
the night?

B No, I ¹⁰ _____ (not hear) anything.

b Complete the sentences with the simple past of a verb from the list.

arrive not can hear read see sit
sleep speak not want

They spoke quietly for a few minutes.

1 I _____ very badly last night.

2 She _____ a strange noise.

3 We _____ find our keys.

4 I _____ three books last week.

5 They _____ at the airport at 11:30.

6 He _____ her with an old friend.

7 We _____ next to each other in class.

8 You _____ to come.

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8B

a Complete with ☐ or ☐ of *There's* or *There are*.

There's a dishwasher in the kitchen.

Are there any people in the room?

1 _____ any books on the shelf?

2 _____ a bathroom downstairs?

3 _____ some stairs over there.

4 _____ a rug on the floor.

5 _____ some pictures on the wall.

6 _____ a shower in the bathroom?

7 _____ some chairs in the yard?

8 _____ a lamp in the bedroom?

9 _____ a motorcycle in the garage.

10 _____ any glasses in the cupboard?

b Write ☐ or ☐ sentences or ☐ with *there is / are* + *a / an, some, or any*.

☐ trees / the yard

There are some trees in the yard.

1 ☐ table / the kitchen.

2 ☐ fireplace / the living room?

3 ☐ plants / my apartment.

4 ☐ people / the yard?

5 ☐ pictures / my bedroom.

6 ☐ TV / the kitchen.

7 ☐ computer / the study.

8 ☐ cupboards / the dining room.

9 ☐ bathtub / the bathroom?

10 ☐ light / the garage.

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8C

a Complete with the correct form of *there was* or *there were*.

A How many guests were there in the hotel?

B ¹ _____ four including me.

² _____ a Brazilian tourist and

³ _____ two business people.

A ⁴ _____ a restaurant?

B No, ⁵ _____, but ⁶ _____
_____ a coffee shop.

A ⁷ _____ a TV in your room?

B Yes, ⁸ _____, but ⁹ _____
_____ any chairs.

A How many beds ¹⁰ _____?

B One. A double bed.

b Complete the sentences with *there was / were / wasn't / weren't* + *a, some, or any*.

There were some ghosts in the haunted hotel I stayed in.

1 My sister didn't take a shower because

_____ spider in the bathtub.

2 We couldn't watch the news because _____
TV in our room.

3 I couldn't sleep on the plane because _____
noisy children behind me.

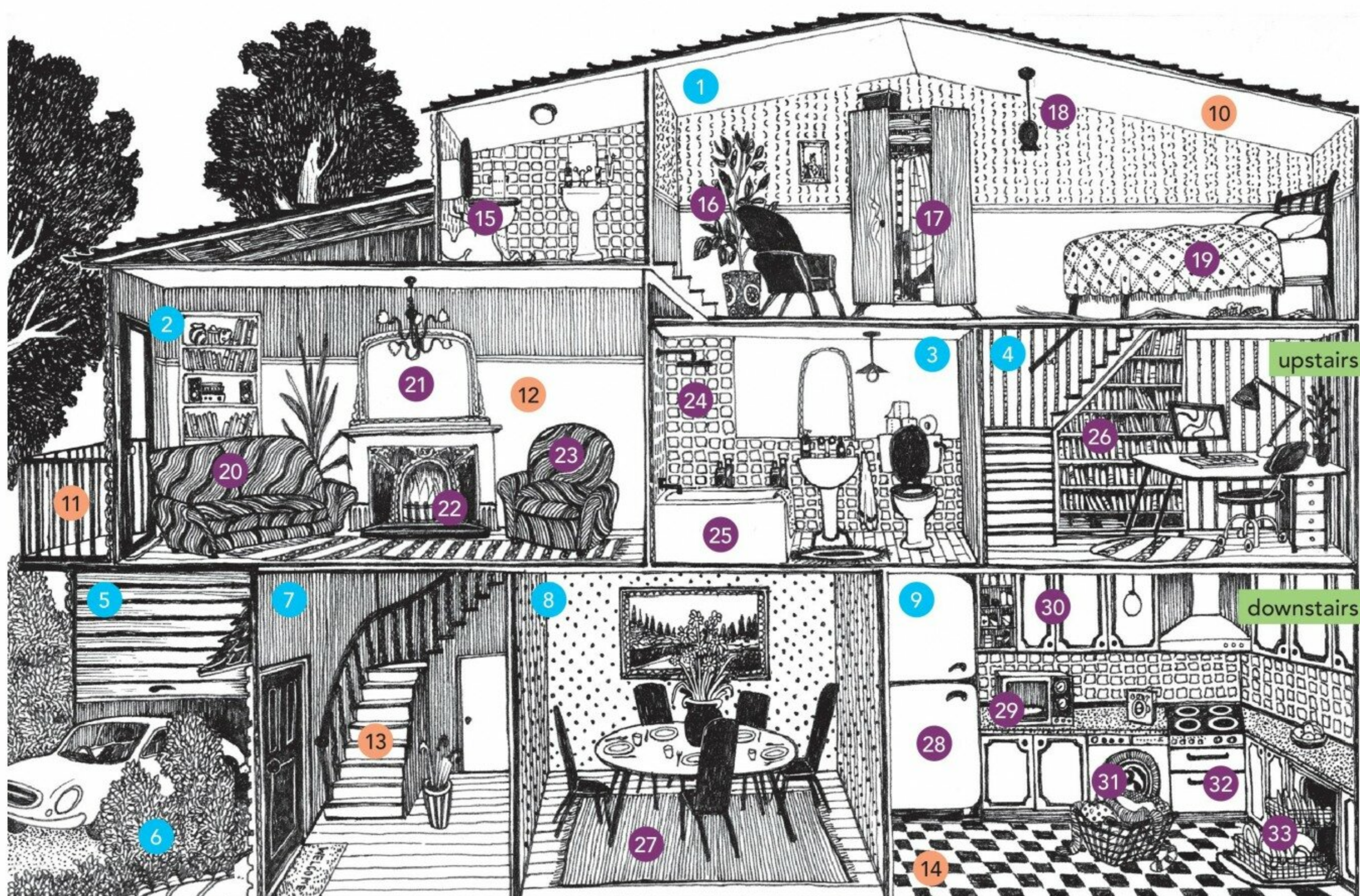
4 They couldn't play tennis because _____
tennis balls.

5 She didn't have a coffee because _____ cups.

6 He took a lot of photos because _____
beautiful view of the town.

7 They couldn't park near the restaurant because
_____ parking lot.

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1 ROOMS

Match the words and pictures 1–9.

- a bathroom /'bæθrʊm/
- 1 a bedroom /'bedrʊm/
- a dining room /'daɪnɪŋ rʊm/
- a garage /gə'reɪdʒ/
- a hall /hɔːl/
- a kitchen /'kɪtʃən/
- a living room /'lɪvɪŋ rʊm/
- a study / an office /'stʌdi/ /'ɒfəs/
- a yard /jɑːd/

2 PARTS OF A HOUSE

Match the words and pictures 10–14.

- a balcony /'bælkəni/
- a ceiling /'siːlɪŋ/
- a floor /flɔːr/
- stairs /steəz/
- a wall /wɔːl/

3 THINGS IN A ROOM

a Match the words and pictures 15–33.

- an armchair /'ɑːmtʃeə/
- a bathtub /'bæθtʌb/
- a bed /bed/
- a cupboard /'kʌbəd/
- a dishwasher /'dɪʃwɔːʃə/
- a fireplace /'faɪəpleɪs/
- a light /laɪt/
- a microwave /'maɪkrəweɪv/
- a mirror /'mɪrər/
- a plant /plænt/
- a refrigerator / a fridge /rɪ'frɪdʒəreɪtər/ /frɪdʒ/
- a rug /rʌg/
- a shelf (shelves) /ʃelf/
- a shower /'ʃaʊə/
- a sofa / a couch /'səʊfə/ /kaʊtʃ/
- a stove /stəʊv/
- a toilet /'tɔɪlət/
- a wardrobe /'wɔːdrəʊb/
- a washing machine /'wɔːʃɪŋ mə'ʃɪn/

b 8.10 Listen and check 1–3.



Heat and central air conditioning

Heat is a system that makes a house warm.

Central air conditioning is a system that makes a house cool.

ACTIVATION Cover the words and look at the pictures. Test yourself or a partner.