

swap = Can I swap my pen for your pencil? What things do you swap with friends?

3A | Houseswap

VOCABULARY: places to live

1 Match the adjectives in A to their opposites in B.

A	B
big	quiet
new	small
noisy	old
lovely	horrible

2 1.46 Listen to someone talking about where she lives. Underline the words that you hear.

read first then listen

I live in a small / big flat on Herbert Street. It's in the centre of Dublin. It's a lovely / horrible flat, but the street is noisy/quiet. I don't like / like it.

3 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about where you live. Use the words in exercises 1 and 2 to help you.

I live in a _____ on _____.
It's in _____. It's a _____.
_____. I like / don't like it.

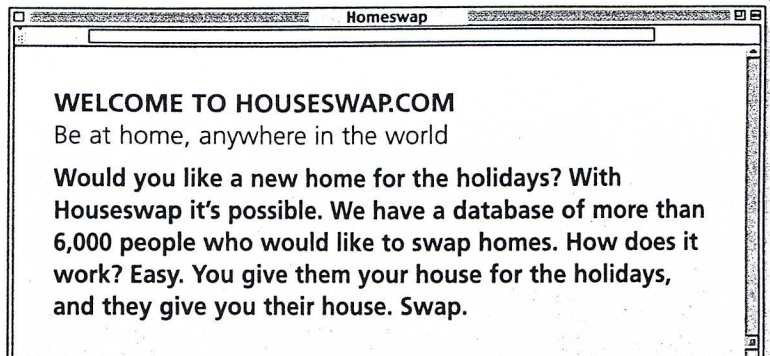
*Imagine you are a millionaire
describe your dream house*

- This is my home. I live in a small, white house. It's in Cambridge. It's next to an old restaurant and it's close to the university.
Email Ann ann@houseswap.com
- This is my home. It's a small house in Scotland. It's beautiful here and very quiet. The cottage is in the mountains. It's far from other people and noisy cities!
Email Sean sean@houseswap.com
- We have a lovely big family house on the beach. It's in Santa Monica, California. It is a very good area to see Hollywood stars. The famous Hollywood letters are near our house!
Email Michael and Catherine mikecathy@houseswap.com
- I live with two friends in the centre of London. The flat is in Notting Hill. It's a little noisy. It's behind a market. It's close to a hospital and 30 minutes from Heathrow Airport.
Email Hugh hugh@houseswap.com
- My wife and I have a big flat at the end of the Champs Elysées in Paris. It's a little noisy, but it's beautiful. We are opposite the Arc de Triomphe.
Email Gerard gerard@houseswap.com

*Cultural notes
Cambridge
a cottage
Santa Monica*

READING *Picture of some lovely homes* *Look at pictures*

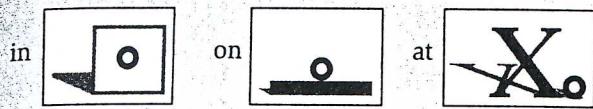
1 Read the introduction to the Houseswap webpage. What does swap mean? *where are the...*



- Read about some of the homes on Houseswap. Match each home to a picture. There is one extra picture.
- Read the texts again and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).
 - Ann's house is in Cambridge.
 - Ann's house is very big.
 - Sean's house is in England.
 - Sean's house isn't in the mountains.
 - Michael and Catherine's house isn't very big.
 - Hugh's flat is in the city centre.
 - Hugh's flat is not close to the shops.
 - Gerard's flat is very quiet.
- Work in pairs. Which of the five homes on Houseswap would you like for the holidays? Tell your partner.

Look at the text - underline all prepositions and nouns that follow them

GRAMMAR: prepositions of place



Other prepositions of place are:

- close to/near to* *far from*
- next to* *in front of*
- behind* *opposite*

Prepositions of place go in front of a noun.

in London close to the school behind the market

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1 Find and underline the prepositions of place and the nouns after them in the texts.

2 Complete the texts with prepositions.

This is our home. It's (1)___ New York. We are (2)___ the centre of Manhattan. It's a flat (3)___ Fifth Avenue.

I have a very small house (4)___ the beach. It's (5)___ Vancouver, Canada. The house is (6)___ front of a school and close (7)___ the hospital and shops. Good for families. It's a little far (8)___ the city centre, but it's quiet.

3 Choose a person in the class. Complete the sentences with information about that person.

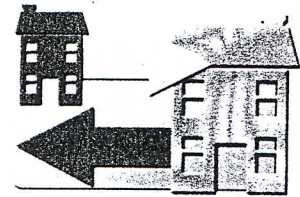
- 1 I sit close to/far from the teacher.
- 2 I sit next to ...
- 3 I sit in front of ...
- 4 I sit behind ...

4 Work in pairs. Read the sentences in exercise 3. Guess who the person is.

Close your eyes, imagine your home - write a short description

SPEAKING

- 1 Play Class Houseswap. On a piece of paper, write your name and a description of your home. Look at the webpage to help you.



- 2 Walk around the class. Tell other students in the class about your home. Find someone who wants to swap homes with you. Swap papers.
- 3 Tell other students about your new home.

Useful language

This is my home. It's ...

Would you like my house for the holidays?

Yes, OK.

No, thanks.

