

The place where you live

A Location

NOTE

Right is often used for emphasis, e.g. I live **right** next to the park.

I live **on the outskirts** of town. (= on the edge of town, near the country)

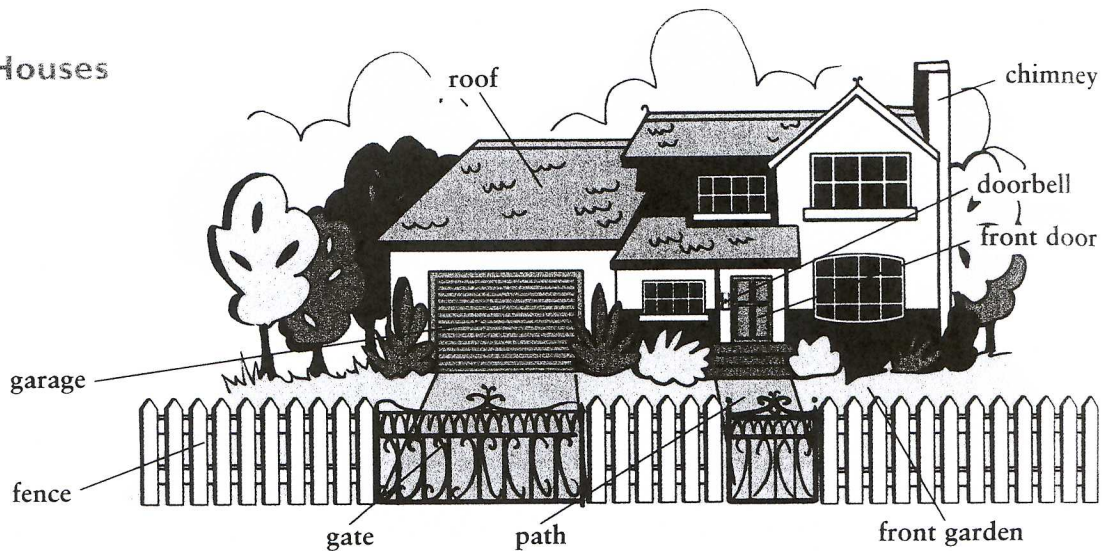
I live **in the suburbs**. (= areas where people live outside the centre of town)

I live **in a residential area**. (= a nice area of houses/flats, with no factories)

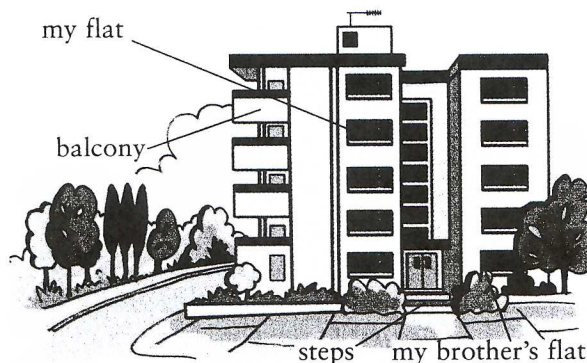
I live **quite close** to the station. (= near the station)

I live **right in the centre**. (= exactly in the centre)

B Houses



C Flats



I live in a block of flats. My brother lives on the ground floor, and I have a flat on the third floor. Unfortunately there is no lift, so I have to climb (= go up/walk up) three flights of stairs to reach my flat. But I have a balcony with a great view of the park opposite the building.

Steps are outside a house or inside a public building. **Stairs** connect floors inside a house or building and are often covered with a carpet.

D Describing the place where you live

My parents **own** their house (= they bought it/it belongs to them), but I **rent** a flat near my university (= I don't own it; I pay money every week to the owner). The rooms are **tiny** (= very small, *opp* huge/enormous), but they're **light** (*opp* dark) because they're on the top floor and get lots of sun. The flats on the ground floor are dark and also **noisy** (*opp* quiet) because they're nearer the traffic. Some rooms are **draughty** (= cold air comes in through windows and under doors), and are expensive to **heat** (= keep warm); but I've got **central heating** (= system of heating every room in a building) and the flat is **in good condition**.