

## 9-24-2012 Advanced Lesson

*Brainstorm words used to describe a home.* EX: One-story wood roof brick balcony

*Divide into pairs. One person describes the home he/she lived in in their native country. The other person draws a picture of what is described. (No peeking!) You have 2 minutes. Switch roles. (If there is an uneven #, the teacher should be a partner with someone and describe a home you have lived in.)*

*Each person explains his/her drawing to the group.* EX: This is the apartment where Young lived in Korea. The apartment building is ten stories tall .....

*What is wrong/right about the drawing of your home? What was difficult to describe? What could you add to make your description more complete?*

Someone's **home** is the house or apartment where they live. EX: They stayed at home and watched TV.

Your **home** is the place or country where you live or feel that you belong. EX: Ms. Highsmith has made Switzerland her home.

A **home** is a building where people who cannot care for themselves are looked after. EX: a home for handicapped children.

The **home** of something is the place where it began or where it is most typically found. EX: The southwest region of France is the home of claret.

When a team plays **at home**, or when they play a **home game**, they play a game on their own ground, rather than on the opposing team's ground.

If you feel **at home**, you feel comfortable and at ease in the place or situation that you are in.

If you **home in** on something, you concentrate all your attention on it. EX: You must home in on what is important to your topic. The report homed in on the faulty wiring that might have caused the fire.

**Homegrown** fruit and vegetables have been grown in your garden, rather than bought in a store.

You describe people who have nowhere to live as **homeless**.

**Homemade** things are made in someone's home, rather than in a shop or factory.

If you are **homesick**, you feel unhappy because you are away from home and are missing your family and friends.

Someone's **hometown** is the town where they live or the town that they come from.

**Homework** is work given to students to do at home. If you **do** your **homework**, you research or read to prepare for something. EX: The candidate did his homework before the debate.

*With a partner, write a paragraph using at least 5 of the home words above. (There is additional room to write on the next page.)*

*How does your home in Austin compare with your home in your native country? Use complete sentences to make comparisons. EX: My home in Austin is larger than my home in Mexico. In Brazil I lived in a house, but in Austin I live in an apartment.*

*If you could change something about your house, what would you change?  
Do homes in your country usually have a big yard? What kinds of trees and plants are used to landscape?  
Do you enjoy gardening? Have you ever grown your own vegetables?  
What is something you make at home instead of buying at a store?  
How do you handle homesickness?  
What makes you feel at home?*

*Sometimes we like to plan our "dream house" – the perfect, or ideal home. Often, a person will dream of a house that is large and luxurious. Here is an ad for a house that might be someone's idea of a dream house.*



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**10,300 Sq. Ft.**

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bedrooms, exercise room, guest quarters, 4 fireplaces, 3 car garage, elevator. For more information on this home, call Bryan Adams at 512-423-5440, or preview the home at [BryanAdamsCo.com](http://BryanAdamsCo.com). The home has a view of downtown from the covered living areas & pool located on this 2.3 acres. An athlete would love these tall ceilings and wide halls & passage areas.

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*Divide into groups of 3 or 4. Discuss these questions:*

*What do you think about this house?*

*For some people, a dream house might be small and located by a lake, an old house with lots of history, or a modern condo with lots of windows to see the city. Describe your dream house.*

*If someone loves to cook and entertain, they might wish for a dream kitchen. What kind of room would you like to make perfect for you?*