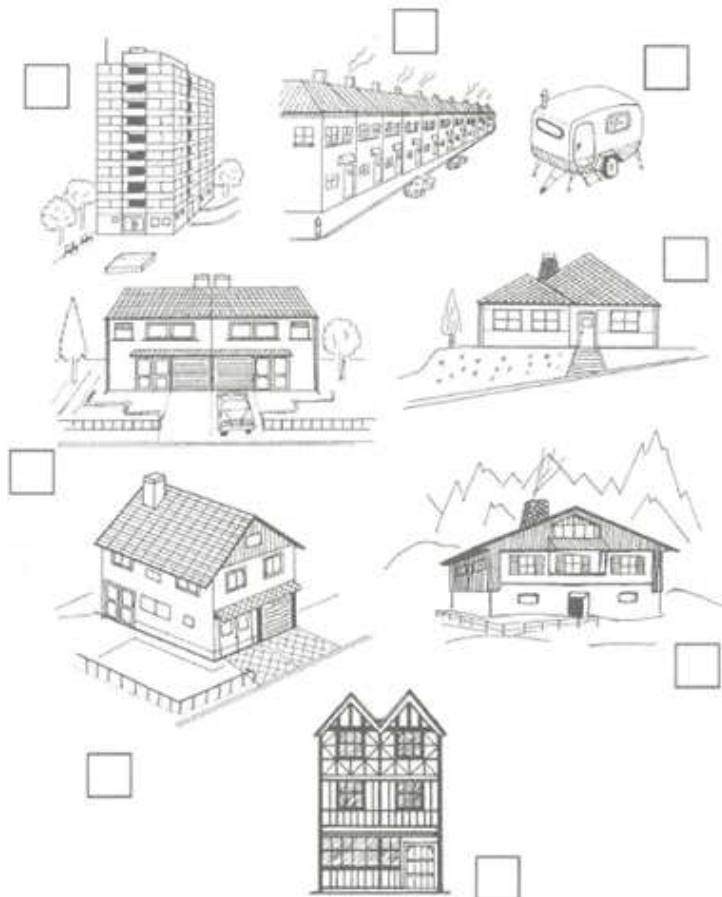1. I and my family live in _____.
2. Our flat/house is situated in _____.
3. Our flat/house is _____, _____, _____ and _____.
4. There are _____ rooms in our flat/house: _____, _____, _____ and _____.
5. My room is _____, _____, _____.
6. I like our flat/house because _____.
7. I wish I had _____.
8. One day I would like to live in _____.
9. The majority of people in our country live _____.
10. In our country, young people usually _____.
11. In my opinion, living in _____ is better than _____.

1 semi-detached house (GB)
   duplex/two-family house (US)

2 chalet

3 terraced house (GB)
   row house (US)

4 block of flats (GB)
   apartment building (US)

5 detached house (GB)
   (single-family) house (US)

6 bungalow (GB)
   ranch house (US)

7 caravan (GB)
   trailer (US)

8 half-timbered house

utility room: usually just for washing machine, freezer, etc.
shed: small building separated from the house usually for storing garden tools
attic: room in the roof space of a house (could be lived in)
loft: space in the roof of a house usually used only for storage
cellar: room below ground level, no windows, used for storage
basement: room below ground level, windows, for living/working
landing: flat area at the top of a staircase
hall: open area as you come into a house
porch: covered area before an entrance-door
pantry or larder: large cupboard (usually big enough to walk into) for storing food
terrace or patio: paved area between house and garden for sitting and eating, etc.
study: a room for reading/writing/studying in

cottage: a kind of a village house
high-rise: a very tall building with offices and apartments
skyscraper: a very tall building with many floors, usually built in large cities
housing estate: large number of houses and flats close together

Put the words in each column:

Bedroom   Bathroom   Shed   Living room/lounge   Terrace + Garden   Cellar

Shutters	Cushion	Bedside lamp
Ceiling	Ashtray	Dental floss
Rocking armchair	Cabinet	Coat hanger
Mirror	Scales	Old empty boxes
Comb	Quilt	Dryer/drier
Wardrobe	Mower	Fence
Laundry basket	Mattress	Bookcase
Curtain	Sponge	Rake

1. Do you like the place where you are living? Is your home in a convenient location?
2. What kind of decorations do you have in your home?
3. How have you changed your home since you've started living there?
4. How long have you lived where you are living now?
5. Do you have/Would you like to have a wine cellar, dining room, a sauna, swimming pool, a garage, a pantry, a porch, a garden?
6. How many different homes have you lived in?
7. If you could change anything about your present home, what would it be?
8. If there was a fire in your home and you had the time to take one thing, what would it be? Why?
9. Do you get along well with your neighbours?
10. Is it better to live in a village, in a town or in a city? Why?
11. Do you like to keep pets in your home?
12. How long do children usually live with their parents in your country?
13. Is it better to rent or buy?
14. Give some reasons why people become homeless.

Who does these chores at your house?

- ✓ wash the dishes/do the dishes/do the washing up
- ✓ clean the bathroom
- ✓ fix things
- ✓ do the laundry
- ✓ buy groceries
- ✓ water the flowers and plants
- ✓ cook
- ✓ sweep the floor
- ✓ clean the hallway
- ✓ clean the windows
- ✓ wipe the floor
- ✓ do the ironing
- ✓ do the cleaning/tidy/tidy up
- ✓ clean up after sb
- ✓ do the dusting/dust
- ✓ do the vacuuming/do the hoovering/vacuum/hoover
- ✓ do the washing (BrE)/do the laundry (AmE)/wash
- ✓ lay the table/set the table
- ✓ make the bed
- ✓ change the bed/change the sheets
- ✓ take out the rubbish (BrE)/garbage (AmE)
- ✓ mow the lawn/cut the grass

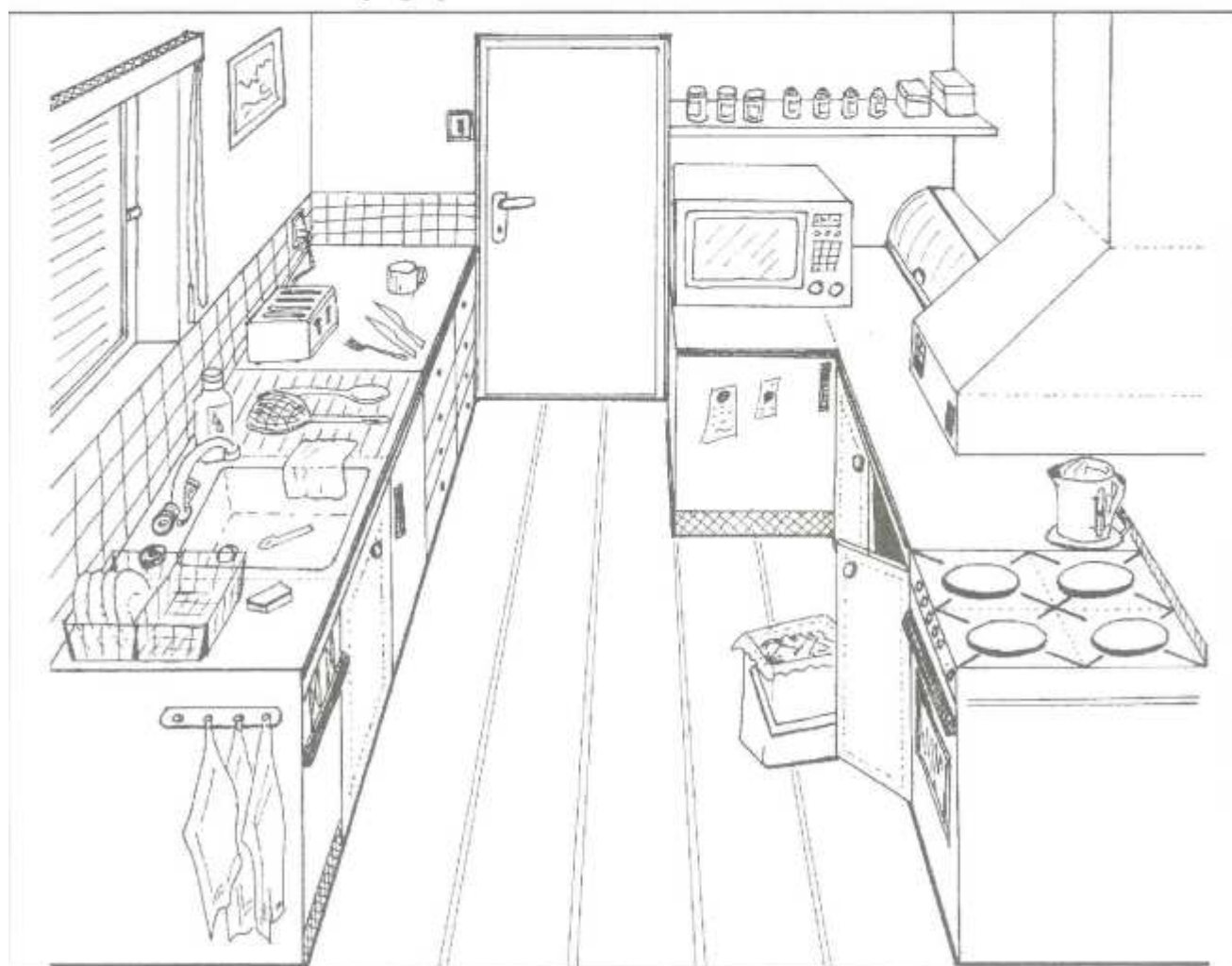**Make a short list of chores and errands (a short trip that you make in order to do a job for someone) that you do:**

chores	errands

What chore do you hate doing the most?

What errands did you do for your parents when you were a kid?

1 kitchen unit
2 cupboard
3 kitchen sink
4 tap (GB) / faucet (US)
5 bread bin
6 draining board
7 dish rack
8 pelmet / curtain rail
9 Venetian blind
10 dishwasher
11 stove / cooker
12 knife and fork
13 extractor fan / cooker hood
14 oven
15 microwave oven
16 refrigerator / fridge
17 rubbish bin (GB) / trash can (US)
18 electric kettle
19 toaster
20 shelf
21 sieve / strainer
22 washing-up liquid (GB) / dishwashing liquid (US)
23 dishcloth
24 ladle / mixing / wooden spoon
25 mug
26 kitchen towel / tea-towel / drying-up cloth

KITCHEN FIXTURES	UTENSILS	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	OTHER

prune the fruit trees

mow the grass

rake the leaves

dig the garden

water the plants

weed the flowerbed

trim the hedge with shears

prick out the seedlings

thin out the carrot patch

spread manure in
the vegetable plot

plant the lettuce
and cabbage

lay × sow the lawn

4 Complete the paragraphs on the right choosing some of the following comments.

It was very cramped.

It is nice and cosy.

It was so spacious you could get lost in it.

It had a kitchen corner.

I had to share the bathroom with the other tenants.

There was a large swimming pool and hot tub in the back.

The commute to work was too long.

The couches folded down into a double bed.

The living room doubled as my office, so it was rather messy.

It was in a bad part of town.

The walls were so thin you could hear everything your neighbours said.

It was right up the street from the university.

5 What other advantages and disadvantages of each kind of house can you think of?

THESE ARE THE FLATS OF OUR LIVES

When I was at university, I hardly had any money at all. I couldn't get a room in the halls of residence, so I had to live in a bedsitter. There were some nice things about it. For example, ...

But it also had its disadvantages.

When I graduated from university, I found a job as an accountant and started to earn decent money. My girlfriend and I moved into a flat in a housing estate. It was much nicer than my previous place.

But it still wasn't perfect. My girlfriend eventually broke up with me and moved out because she said...

My career went ahead very well, and soon I was a rich stockbroker. I got married, and when my wife became pregnant we decided to buy a house in the suburbs. It was very expensive and luxurious. ...

Having such a large place, however, presented some problems. For instance, ...

When I retired, we decided that we needed a change of pace, so we bought a nice mobile home, with a piece of land in the country where we could park it when we weren't travelling. It was perfect for our lifestyle.

Now I'm dead and I rest in a pine box, apparently. ...