

# 4B

# Homes

➤ **Goal:** describe your home

➤ **Grammar:** articles

➤ **Vocabulary:** things in a home

## Vocabulary

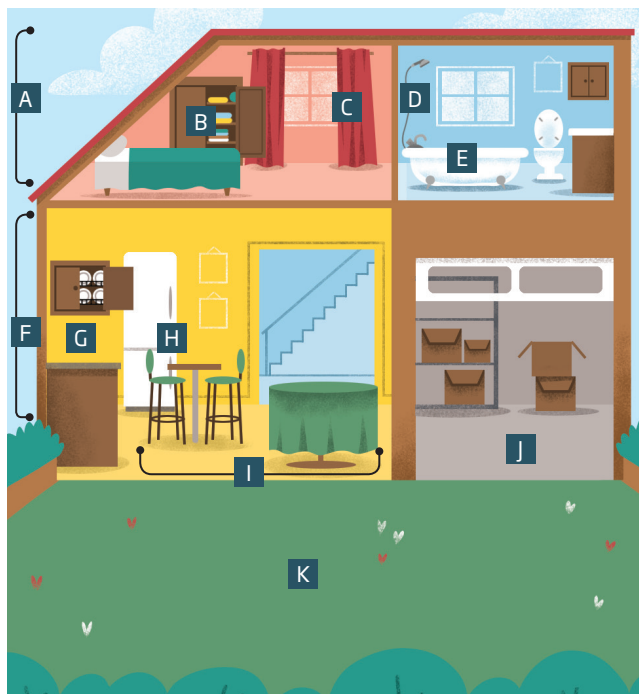
### 1 Discuss the questions.

- Do you live in a flat or house?
- How many rooms in a house can you name?  
*kitchen, bedroom ...*

### 2 a Match the words in the box with pictures A–J.

bath cupboard curtains downstairs  
fridge furniture garage garden  
shower upstairs wardrobe

### b Complete the sentences with the words in the box in Exercise 2a.



- The glasses are in the \_\_\_\_\_ next to the fridge.
- We need some new \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe a new table and chairs.
- Close the \_\_\_\_\_. It's dark outside.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ isn't working. This milk isn't cold!
- I don't need a \_\_\_\_\_, I always take a shower.
- Put your clothes in the \_\_\_\_\_, not on the bed!
- The weather is nice today - let's sit in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### c Look at the photos. Which of the things in Exercise 2a can you see?



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## Reading

### 3 a Read the advertisement. Who would need a house like this?

a a single person

#### To buy: A three-bedroom house, in Walkley, Kent

An excellent home in a quiet area near good schools.

The furniture in every room is new and the bathroom has a new shower and a bath. Two bedrooms are large and one is small, but great for a young child. All the bedrooms have wardrobes and beds. The kitchen has a big fridge and lots of cupboard space. There are also two garages and a big garden. The garden is perfect for parties in summer.



b a family with children

### b Read the description again and answer the questions.

- Which things in the house are new?
- How many bedrooms does the house have?
- Which rooms in the house are big?
- What is in the kitchen?
- What is outside the house?

### c Work in pairs and answer the questions.

- What are the good things about the house?
- Are there any bad things?
- Is it a good place to live?

## Grammar

- 4 a** Read the grammar box and complete 1–3 with *the*, *a/an* or *no article*.

### Articles

- a** Use <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with a singular noun when we first talk about it. It means 'one'.

*This is **an** interesting house.*

*There's **a** big wardrobe in the bedroom.*

- b** Use <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ when there is only one of something and in some phrases, e.g. *at the weekend, in the evening, all the time, the first, the second.*

***The** kitchen is big.*

*It's very dark in here in **the** morning.*

***The** first bedroom is nice, but **the** second one is small.*

- c** To mention something for the first time, use *a/an*. To mention it for the second time, use *the*.

*There's **a** big garden. **The** garden is great for summer parties.*


- d** Use <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns and some phrases, e.g. *at/to school, at/to work, at night.*

*There are **curtains** in every room.*

*You can work at **home**.*

- b** Match sentences 1–5 with rules a–d in the grammar box. Use the underlined words to help you. You can use one rule more than once.

- There are flowers in the garden.
- It's cold in the evening.
- There's a really comfortable sofa in the living room.
- There are curtains in every room. The curtains are new.
- It's nice to be at work.

- 5 a**  **4.5** Listen to the sentences. When is *the* a short sound? When is it a longer sound?

- The bedroom's really big.
- All the furniture in the house is very modern.
- What's the address of the flat?
- The apartment's very comfortable.

- b** Listen again and repeat.

- 6** Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or *no article (-)*.

- The bedroom has \_\_\_\_\_ big window.
- We have our breakfast outside at \_\_\_\_\_ weekend.
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ lovely tree in our garden.
- I like my flat, but \_\_\_\_\_ friends say it's small.
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ shower and bath in the bathroom. \_\_\_\_\_ shower's really good.
- We sit outside at \_\_\_\_\_ night in \_\_\_\_\_ garden.
- I go to \_\_\_\_\_ work by bus in \_\_\_\_\_ mornings.
- I do my work in \_\_\_\_\_ dining room in \_\_\_\_\_ evening.

- 7 a** Complete the sentences so they are true about your home. Write *a/an/the* if necessary and a noun.

- There's \_\_\_\_\_ *a big sofa* in the living room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is my favourite room.
- Outside, there's \_\_\_\_\_.
- I spend a lot of time in \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ in my home.

- b** Describe your home to your partner. Use your sentences in Exercise 7a to help you.


*There are eight rooms in my house – four downstairs and four upstairs. There's a big sofa in the living room and a large TV. I love it. It's my favourite room.*



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## Speaking

### PREPARE

- 8 a**  **4.6** You're going to describe a home. First, listen to Mark call an estate agent about a flat. Tick the things in the box he asks about.

the area nearby   the cost of the flat   the furniture  
the garden   the neighbours   the number of rooms  
parking   what's in the bathroom

- b** Listen again and answer the questions.

- How many rooms are there?
- What furniture is in the living room?
- What's in the bathroom?
- Has the flat got a garden?
- How far is the supermarket?
- How much is the flat per month?

- 9** Work in pairs. Student A: Turn to page 156. Student B: Turn to page 158. Read your information. Plan what to say.

### SPEAK

- 10 a** Work in pairs. Student B: Ask Student A for information about the flat. Student A: Answer Student B's questions. Use the Useful phrases to help you.

#### Useful phrases

Hello, (Cathy) speaking.  
I'm interested in the flat on (West Street).  
I'd like to ask some questions.  
Would you like to see the flat?  
Yes, please./No, that's fine, thank you.

- b** Student B: Report back to the class. Do you want to rent the flat or not? Why/Why not?

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# Communication bank

## Lesson 4B

### Exercise 9

#### Student A

You're an estate agent. Student B is interested in one of your flats. Think about possible answers to Student B's questions about:

- furniture
- outside spaces – garden/garage?
- rooms
- what's in the bathroom



# Communication bank

## Lesson 4B

### Exercise 9

#### Student B

You want to rent a flat. Student A is an estate agent with a flat for rent. Prepare questions to ask Student A about the flat. Think about:

- rooms
- furniture
- outside spaces - garden/garage?
- what's in the bathroom

*How many rooms are there?*



# Grammar bank

## GRAMMAR

### 4B Articles

The articles *a*, *an* and *the* come before nouns.

Use *a/an* ...

- before a singular noun to mean 'one' or 'one of many'.  
*Is that **a** new bag? Have you got **a** pen?*
- before jobs.  
*He's **a** doctor. She's **an** engineer.*
- in some phrases, e.g. *once a week, twice a month, a lot of*.  
*We go to the beach **once a month**. There are **a lot of** people here.*

Use *a* before nouns that start with a consonant sound (e.g. *doctor*). Use *an* before nouns that start with a vowel sound (e.g. *engineer*).

Use *the* ...

- before a noun when there is only one.  
*The sun feels hot today. I want to go to **the** cinema. He's at **the** dentist's.*

- before a few countries, e.g. *the UK, the USA, the UAE*.  
*She's from **the USA**. They live in **the UAE** these days.*
- in some phrases, e.g. *all the time, in the afternoon, on the right, in the summer*.  
*The supermarket's **on the left**. It's cold here **in the evenings**.*

Use *a/an* to mention something for the first time and *the* after that.

*I've got **a lovely coat** and **hat** for the winter. **The coat** is black and **the hat** is red.*

Use no article ...

- before plural nouns to speak generally.  
***Young people** don't wear watches these days.*
- before most countries, cities and towns.  
*We live in **Washington DC**. He's from **Argentina**.*
- in some phrases, e.g. *at work, at home, at university, at school, on holiday*.  
*He's **on holiday** in Spain. Cara goes **to school** at 7a.m.*

## PRACTICE

### 4B

#### A Correct the mistake in ten sentences.

- 1 We swim in a sea every day in August.
- 2 Can you open the door for me, please?
- 3 Richard's got a new job. He's the nurse.
- 4 I travel to the work by bus.
- 5 We live in US.
- 6 Kate studies at an school.
- 7 I go to the sports centre for dance lessons twice a week.
- 8 I don't like the small towns. I prefer big cities.
- 9 They are a very nice people.
- 10 They live in the Barcelona.
- 11 There's an TV in the kitchen.
- 12 I usually study in afternoon.

#### B Complete the text with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

##### One-bedroom flat for sale

This is <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful flat in <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Brighton. It's got four rooms. <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ living room and <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ bedroom are large. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ kitchen and <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ bathroom are modern. In the bedroom, there's <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ large window with <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ fantastic view of the sea. <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ beach is just a five-minute walk away. It's <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ popular beach with a lot of <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ visitors in <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ summer.



# Vocabulary bank

## 4B Things in a home

**1 a** Match the things in the box with photos A–G.

bin   light   mirror   plate   sheet  
shelf   towel

**b** In what room(s) do you usually find the things in Exercise 1a?

**c** Work in pairs. Where can you find the things in Exercise 1a in your home?

*There's a bin in every room.*

*There are some towels in the cupboard in the bathroom.*



## Vocabulary

### Things in a home

#### 1 Correct the spelling mistake in each sentence.

- curtains*
- Open the ~~certains~~, it's dark in here.
  - There's a big spider in the bathel!
  - We need to buy new furnitur for our house.
  - The glasses are in that cubboard.
  - There's a bath, but there's isn't a shauwer.
  - I'm in the gaden.
  - Put your clothes in the wardrove.
  - The car is in the garadge.



#### 2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

cupboard curtains garage shower upstairs wardrobe

- There are some glasses in the ..... up there.
- Why don't do you open the .....? It's really dark in here.
- There's a ..... in the bathroom upstairs.
- Come on! Let's go and look .....
- We keep our bikes in the .....
- My husband has his own ..... for his clothes.

#### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

- That shop sells really nice furniture for the g.....
- It's dark outside; close the c.....
- Put the coffee away in the c....., please.
- Dad's in the g..... with his car. He loves that car.
- This f..... is old. We need to buy a new sofa and chairs.
- The bathroom is d....., near the kitchen.
- I have lots of clothes in my w.....
- There's some cola in the f.....

## Grammar

### Articles

#### 4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- I put the dishes in *the/* – cupboard.
- There's *a/the* TV in the kitchen.
- I've got *a/the* cat and a dog. *A/The* dog's name is Leo.
- This is *a/an* useful book.
- We often play tennis at *the/* – weekend.
- This is – *a* lovely car.
- There's *a/the* really comfortable bed in *a/the* bedroom.
- Can you open *a/the* curtains, please?
- Jia works at – */the* night.
- It's *a/* – nice room, but I don't like *a/the* carpet.

#### 5 Complete the conversations with *a, the* or – (no article).

- A: Where are ..... keys?  
B: They're in ..... cupboard.
- A: Is Poppy in ..... garden?  
B: I don't know. Open ..... curtains and look.
- A: I've got two children – ..... boy and ..... girl.  
B: What's ..... girl's name?
- A: What time do you usually have ..... dinner?  
B: Around seven o'clock in ..... evening.
- A: I really liked that house.  
B: Which one?  
A: ..... one with ..... big bedroom.

#### 6 Insert five definite articles and six indefinite articles into the text.

We don't have <sup>a</sup> big house, but it's really nice inside. There are two bedrooms: big one and small one. Big one is where I sleep and small one is spare room. Downstairs, there's living room and kitchen. Living room is really bright. But my favourite thing about my house is garden. It's really big and in summer I like to sit outside and listen to music.

