

Sample 7.5 answers. Accommodation

Make sure you learn these words

Spacious=Large

Well-decorated

Bright (=we have big windows)

Quite = peaceful

Pleasant =Nice

Well-equipped(=TV, Computer +appliances

Comfortable=comfy=cozy

In the suburbs=on the outskirts

1. What kind of place do you live in?

(NOT "where" ! What kind flat, house, dorm...)

I live in a pretty spacious big apartment in the outskirts of my hometown. My family bought the flat a long time ago. We live on the 10th floor of a high-rise. It's a three-bedroom apartment. I think it covers pretty much 130 square meters. It's a fairly nice place.

2. Who do you live with?

I live with my parents and my grandmother. Our apartment is pretty big, so there is enough space for everyone. My grandmother moved in with us a few years ago when my grandpa passed away.

3. Do you like living there?

Yes, definitely. It's a great place to live. First of all, the neighborhood is very pleasant. There are many shops and restaurants around our place. There's also a nice park just 2 minutes away. In addition, our house is very comfortable. You know, it's spacious and bright. My mother bought a lot of nice furniture. She decorated the apartment with picture and paintings on the walls. It looks very cozy. And I have my own room, with a big bed, and a large desk. I'm quite lucky, I think.

4. What do you like about the rooms in your house ?

I really like the way my house is furnished and decorated. We have a very comfy sofa in the living room, and a large flat-screen TV set hanging on the wall. Our apartment is well-equipped. In addition, I like the fact that we have two big balconies. It's really nice when the weather is warm. We can have dinner outside. Sometimes in the summer my parents and I play cards outside.

5. How long have you lived there ?

Watch out for the grammar ! Make a full sentence.

I have been living in the same house for the last 10 or 12 years, I think. When I was a child we used to live in another place, in a different neighborhood, but the house was quite small and old. My parents bought the apartment we now live in like 10 or so years ago.

6. What is the area like where you live?

(=Lively or peaceful, convenient or not, quiet or noisy?)

It's a pleasant neighborhood. There are plenty of shops and restaurants everywhere. From our house, it's like a five-minute walk to the supermarket. It's extremely convenient. In addition, there's a bus stop just down the street. We live in the suburbs of the city, but it only takes 20 to 25 minutes to get to the city center. It's not bad. The area is pretty quiet compared with other districts in my hometown. There are a lot of new residential areas everywhere around us, so they are building new schools and shopping centers. It's developing quite fast. Oh, I almost forgot! There's a nice park just a block away from our building. It's a great place to go for a walk or a jog in the summer.

7. Would you recommend this area as a place to live?

Yes, definitely ! It's a very pleasant place to live, especially if you are raising a child. The area is more peaceful than the city center. The traffic is better; it's smoother. And on the weekend, you can relax in the park, or go to one of the many restaurants around the new shopping center. It's a lovely place to live.

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No, definitely not! I live in the city center and it's absolutely too crowded and noisy. It's a very lively place. It's great if you like to go out at night to bars or to sing karaoke. But otherwise, if you are looking for a quiet neighborhood, with less traffic and noise, then I would highly recommend that you look for another area.

8. Do you think you will move anytime soon ?

Well, my family won't move, but I'm looking forward to getting my visa and going to Australia. I intend to continue my studies over there next semester. It's my ambition, and I hope it's going to work out.

9. What kind of house or apartment would you like to have in the future ?

Well, I would love to own a whole house, just like what I've seen on TV in Western countries. In China, we don't have enough space to build private individual houses, especially in the city. So pretty much everyone gets to live in apartment buildings. My dream would be to have a nice house in the suburbs of my hometown, with a backyard and a lawn (=grass area). My house would have to be modern and spacious, with a very large kitchen, because I love cooking, and a bright living room with a huge TV. My whole family could live there. In China, space is luxury. We'll see what happens. But I would need a lot of money to build this kind of house nowadays.

10. Do you prefer the appearance of old or modern buildings?

Well, in my country I love the design of old houses, you know, with the inclined roof, and the traditional architecture. I like the old-fashioned looking facades (=face of a building), with the Chinese windows. They are all carved and made of wood. They're beautiful. On the other hand, usually, modern houses are quite ugly. They are made of cement and tiles. They are generally all square. They look good from the inside though. You know, they are comfortable and well-equipped, but the outside is just too common, too boring.

11.What can you see from your bedroom window?

I can't see much except for other buildings. We live in a community, and there are like 10 or 12 high-rises next to each other. But just outside the living room, we have a balcony, and from that side of the building, we overlook the Min River and the mountains that surround Fuzhou. At night the banks of the river light up. Although there are still a lot of buildings in the way, the view is pretty nice.

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