LET’S TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSES

Nowadays most people live in urban areas. Towns and cities are spreading into their surrounding environment to cope with the increase populations.

As well as I know, more people are buying their own houses or flats than in the past. Others live in houses or flats that they rent from a private landlord, the local council or housing association.

My family lives in a block of flats. I think that it is the cheapest type of dwelling in any town. Flats can be of different sizes: one-roomed, two-roomed, three-roomed, so one can choose what they like. If you are going to live alone, you can prefer a studio to a large apartment. Among advantages of living in a block of flats some people name the fact that it takes less time to tidy up a flat than a house. But living in a flat has its disadvantages. Your neighbours can make a lot of noise when they hammer or drill the wall or set a party. I can say that all these disadvantages don’t bother me much and it is a good type of housing. The largest part of population in our country lives in blocks of flats.

Living in a detached house gives you a lot of advantages. Your neighbours do not disturb you. As you have some land around the house, you can build outhouses. If I lived in a detached house, I would certainly build a garage, a padding pool and arrange some flowerbeds.

There are also those who like semi-detached houses or duplexes. To my mind, such houses attract people because they are less expensive than mansions or bungalows and you have only one neighbour as opposed to block of flats. And as you have a neighbour, you can always turn to them if you need something, though from time to time your neighbour can disturb you while repairing their part of the house or listening to music loudly. But in general I am sure that it is quite convenient to live in a semi-detached house.

Some people prefer to live in the country either in a small comfortable cottage or in a large farmhouse. The way I see things is that people who prefer this type of dwelling really adore nature and they want to have calm life. Usually such people keep the poultry and the cattle. One of the advantages of living in such a house is that you have your own land where you can grow fruit and vegetables, make flowerbeds and plant beautiful flowers. You can also build some outhouses like a greenhouse, a garage and a tool shed. But the greatest disadvantage of living in a farmhouse or in a cottage, in my opinion, is that it takes much time to get to the nearest town. On the other hand, if you have a car it will not be difficult for you.

If to speak about England, I can say that the main types of houses there are detached houses, semi-detached houses, terrace houses joined together in long rows and flats. Most houses in England are made of stone or brick from the local area where the houses are built. The colours of the stones and bricks vary across the country.

In conclusion I would like to add that there are different types of housing and all people have the right to choose where to live.

QUESTIONS

1. What types of houses would you prefer to live in?
2. Do you like the place where you are living now?
3. What modern conveniences do you have in your flat/house?
4. Do you have your own room or do you share it with your brother or sister?
5. What are your duties about the house?