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Which is better: living in the town or in the country? Living in the centre or on the outskirts?

Describe different types of dwelling, ancient and modern, in various parts of the world, and / or a typical English house (American home).

Building your own house is not a very common practice in Britain. Why do you think this is so?

Would you prefer to live in an old-fashioned house with plenty of space or in a small modern flat?

What sort of building jobs can you do yourself?

To make space in a small home, some rooms can be combined. What do you think of these combinations: kitchen / dining room, dining-room / sitting-room, sitting-room / bedroom?

It is common in some countries to plumb the washing machine into the bathroom, to save space in a small flat. In Britain this is not the custom, even in flats. Talk about the most practical sitings for furniture and appliances in a flat.

How is the living / sitting room of your home arranged? What do you like best (dislike) about your house (flat)?

Do you like to spend time in the kitchen? Is it a more relaxing place than the sitting-room? Is it a good place to entertain friends?

In Britain people open windows quite often. Their houses are not heated to a high temperature. Discuss the heating system – efficiency and economy.

Customs and manners vary from country to country. Are there “front-door” behaviour differences between your country and Britain?