**Housing**

**People in different countries prefer to live in various types of HOUSES**. ***Types of houses:*A detached house** - a house which is not joined to any other  
**A semi-detached house** - a house which is joined to another house on one side  
**A terraced house**- a house which is joined to other houses in a long row  
**A block of flats -**a large building where all the flats share a front door  
**A flat** - a living unit within a bigger building **A bungalow** - a house which has only one floor **A cottage**- a small house especially in the country **Describing a place where you live In** our **house/ flat** **we have:** a hall, **(entry hall),** a kitchen**,** a dining room**,** a living room**, a** bedroom,a guest room**,** a toilet, a bathroom, a pantry**- komora,**a basement, a cellar**– pivnica,**a staircase**- schodisko, an** attic **- podkrovie,**a porch**– veranda,**a study room,a library, a sauna, a gym, a garage, children's room...  **Furnishing**  
In the **hall** we have: a coat hanger – vešiak na kabáty, a hall mirror - zrkadlo, front door – vchodové dvere  
In the **kitchen** **we have: a cupboard, a table, kitchen cabinets, fitted kitchen, drawers, chairs, a sink,cups, cutlery (spoons, knives, forks), frying pan, pressure cooker, cooking utensils - kuchynské potreby, dishes - riady, plates and household appliances – domáce spotrebiče: a kettle, a food processor, a fridge, a freezer, a cooker, a dishwasher, microwave oven, toaster, digestor...**In the **living room** **we have: a sofa, a coffee table, armchairs, some furniture, a fireplace, some pictures on the walls, some plants and flowers, a carpet, a rug, curtains, roller blind, venetian blinds, paintings, chandelier, lights, spotlights, cabinets, shelves, home theatre, speakers...** pohovka, konferenčný stolík, kreslá, nábytok, krb, niektoré obrázky na stenách, niektoré rastliny a kvety, koberec, koberec, záclony, rolety, žalúzie, obrazy, lustre, svetlá, reflektory, skrine , police, domáce kino, reproduktory ...  
In the **bedroom** we have: a bed, a bedside table, an alarm clock, a wardrobe, a built in wardrobe, a mirror, dressing table, a reading lamp, a chest of drawers, blankets, pillows, bedclothes, sheets... posteľ, nočný stolík, budík, šatníková skriňa, vstavaná skriňa, zrkadlo, toaletný stolík, lampička na čítanie, komoda, deky, vankúše, posteľná bielizeň, posteľná plachta..  
In the **bathroom** we have: a bath, a shower, a washbasin, a tap – vodovodný kohútik, some towels, a bath mat, toiletries, towel rail... vaňová rohož, toaletné potreby, uterák .  
**Household chores**: cleaning, helping in the kitchen, making the bed, watering the flowers, mopping the floor, taking out the rubbish, taking care of pets, washing up, cleaning the windows, doing the shopping, sweeping the floor, dusting the furniture, polishing the furniture, ironing, washing, hanging clothes on line...  
***Living in a house - advantages and disadvantages***

**Advantages:+** you have more privacy, you have a private yard or garden or extra space for hobbies, you have a safe playground for your children, you have more rooms in your house, you can have a garden - you can plant flowers, grow fruit and vegetables there, there is enough space among neighbours in most houses, so people can talk freely and even play musical Instruments, you can have a garage, you can listen to loud music, you can keep bigger pets, animals - dogs, cats, horses...

**Disadvantages:**you have to take care of your house e. g. paint the walls, install or remove bathroom fittings, put up shelves, you have to make home improvements, fix a roof or plumbing, install central heating, you have to do everything by yourself.

you have to mow the lawn, to undercut trees, you have to tidy up more rooms, clean more Windows, it is more expensive, higher monthly payments  
***Living in a flat - advantages and disadvantages***  
**Advantages:** it is cheaper, low cost, there are almost no repairs,it is more comfortable, you have less housework, you have less privacy

**Disadvantages:** you have less space,you don't have a garden**,** if something bad happens in your flat, you can cause damage to other people **Housing in the past and at present**People used to live in small low houses with small windows. The rooms were usually overcrowded and there was a living room and kitchen in one room. There were no carpets, no electric cooker, taps or pipes. People used to share one room, there weren´t more rooms. The house was poorly equipped, furnished in a simple way. There wasn´t a TV set, washing machine or kettle... **Housing problems in our country:**it is not easy to buy one's own flat or house - the price is extremely high. it is impossible especially for young families to buy a flat without the help of their parents or a *mortgage* (hypotéka) - there are many banks from which it is possible to borrow some money. They have to pay off the mortgage for many years after moving into the house.Some people also take a *loan* (pôžička) for the reconstruction of their flats or houses.Also *renting* the houses or flats is common, mainly young families which cannot afford to buy a flat, live in rented accommodation. The government supports especially young people, who want to build their own houses, with some *housing benefits*. – another housing problem is *homelessness* - many homeless people are alcoholics, mentally ill or just unemployed people without any money. More and more *asylum houses* are built for them. **My dream house:** I would like to have a house in a hot country near the sea or ocean – for example in Florida or Jamaica or at least in France or Italy because I love hot weather and summer sports so I could go swimming and I could sunbathe on the beach. I would like to have a big house with a garage which would be comfortable. I would also have a big garden with a playground or a tennis court. I would also like to have a swimming pool. There would be a modern kitchen and a bathroom with a shower and Jacuzzi. The house would be painted in bright colours – green, yellow, orange. I would like to have a cleaner, because I don’t like cleaning, and also a gardener who would look after the garden. The house would have a large living room where we would watch television, play games, listen to music…. I would paint it orange because I like that colour and I would have a big TV on the wall. I would buy modern furniture and a comfortable sofa and many plants. I would also build a fireplace. We would sit by the fireplace and relax there if the weather became colder.

**Living in the town:** educational, sport, cultural facilities, public transport, health centers, job centers, police station, bars,cafés,night life, hight level of criminality, polluted environment, trafic jams, noisy, crowded, vandalism

**Living in the country:**fresh air,peace, quiet,garden, keep pets, bring up young children,problems with shops,job opportunities, commute to town,no social life, gossiping