


3A | Houseswap

VOCABULARY: places to live

- 1 Match the adjectives in A to their opposites in B.

A	B
big	quiet
new	small
noisy	old
lovely	horrible

- 2  1.46 Listen to someone talking about where she lives. Underline the words that you hear.

I live in a *small / big / old* flat on Herbert Street. It's in the centre of Dublin. It's a *lovely / dark / horrible* flat, but the street is *noisy / quiet / nice*. I *don't like / like* it.

- 3 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about where you live. Use the words in exercises 1 and 2 to help you.

I live in a _____ on _____.
It's in _____. It's a _____.
I like / don't like it.

READING

- 1 Read the introduction to the *Houseswap* web page. What does *swap* mean?



- 2 Read about some of the homes available on *Houseswap* below. Match the homes 1–5 to the photos A–F. There is one extra photo.

- 3 Read the texts again and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false sentences.

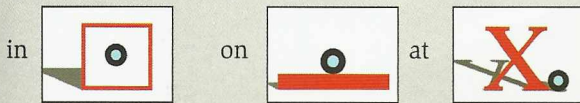
- 1 Hamed's house is in Luxor.
- 2 Hamed's house is very small.
- 3 Sean's house is in England.
- 4 Sean's house isn't in the mountains.
- 5 Michael and Catherine's house isn't very big.
- 6 Hugh's flat is in the city centre.
- 7 Hugh's flat isn't close to shops or market.
- 8 Gerard's flat is very quiet.

- 4 Work in pairs. Which of the five homes on *Houseswap* would you like for the holidays? Tell your partner.

- 1 This is my home. I live in a lovely white house. It's in Luxor, Egypt. It's next to the River Nile and near the mountains.
Email Hamed: hamed@houseswap.com
- 2 This is my home. It's a small house in Scotland. It's beautiful here and very quiet. The cottage is in the mountains. It's far from other people and noisy cities!
Email Sean: sean@houseswap.com
- 3 We have a lovely big family house on the beach. It's in Santa Monica, California. It is a very good area to see Hollywood stars. The famous Hollywood letters are near our house!
Email Michael and Catherine: mikecathy@houseswap.com
- 4 I live with two friends in the centre of London. The flat is in Notting Hill. It's a little noisy. It's behind a market. It's close to a hospital and 30 minutes from Heathrow Airport.
Email Hugh: hugh@houseswap.com
- 5 My wife and I have a big flat at the end of the Champs Elysées in Paris. It's a little noisy, but it's beautiful. We are opposite the Arc de Triomphe.
Email Gerard: gerard@houseswap.com

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GRAMMAR: prepositions of place



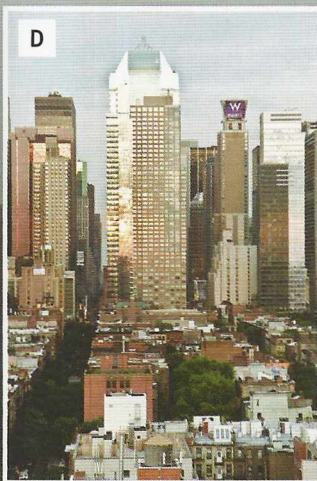
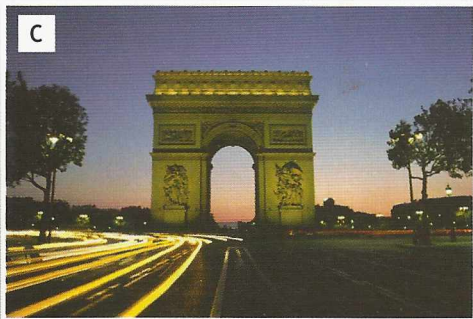
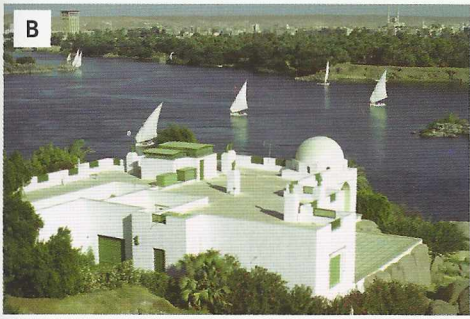
Other prepositions of place are:

close to/near to *far from*
next to *in front of*
behind *opposite*

Prepositions of place go before a noun.

in London **close to** the school **behind** the market

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1 Read the texts again and underline the prepositions of place and the nouns after them.

2 Complete the texts with prepositions.

This is our home. It's (1) _____ New York. We are (2) _____ the centre of Manhattan. It's a flat (3) _____ Fifth Avenue.

I have a very small house (4) _____ the beach. It's (5) _____ Vancouver, Canada. The house is (6) _____ front of a school and close (7) _____ the hospital and shops. Good for families. It's a little far (8) _____ the city centre, but it's quiet.

3 Choose a person in the class. Complete the sentences with information about that person.

- 1 I sit close to/far from the teacher.
- 2 I sit next to ...
- 3 I sit in front of ...
- 4 I sit behind ...

4 Work in pairs. Read your sentences from exercise 3. Guess who the person is.

SPEAKING

1 Play *Class Houseswap*. On a piece of paper, write your name and a description of your home. Look at the web page to help you.



2 Walk around the class. Tell other students in the class about your home. Find someone who wants to swap homes with you. Swap papers.

3 Tell other students about your new home.

Useful language

This is my home. It's ...

Would you like my house for the holidays?

Yes, OK.

No, thanks.

