

4.2 Where I live

GOALS ■ Talk about rooms and furniture ■ Use prepositions of place ■ Use articles

Vocabulary & Speaking rooms, furniture and prepositions of place

1a Complete the information about yourself.

I live in a ... (*house/flat*).

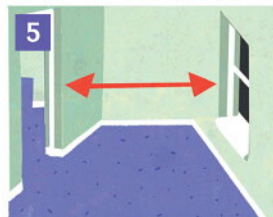
I live with ...

In my house/flat, there is/are ... (*a kitchen, a living room, a bathroom, a dining room, three bedrooms, a toilet, an office*).

b Work with a partner. Tell them about where you live.

2 Match the prepositions in the box to the illustrations 1-8.

above behind between in front of
next to on opposite under



3 4.4)) Listen to Claire talking about her flat and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is the flat?
- 2 How many rooms are there?

4a Look at the illustrations and read Claire's description of her flat. Complete each gap with a different preposition from exercise 2.

The flat's ¹ _____ the 4th floor of **a building** ² _____ Delancey Street and **Grand Street**. **The building** is ³ _____ a 24-hour garage and ⁴ _____ **an Indian restaurant**, so there are always lots of **cars** and **people** in the street. **The cars** are quite noisy.

It's a studio flat with only one room. My bed is on **a shelf** ⁵ _____ **the kitchen**. The toilet and shower are ⁶ _____ **the shelf**. In the kitchen there's a sink, a fridge, and a cooker, but there isn't a dishwasher or a washing machine – I go to **the launderette** on Grand Street to wash clothes. ⁷ _____ the window, there's a red carpet on the floor and there's **an armchair** and table with a television on it. From the window, I can see **the East River**. It's ⁸ _____ the building.



b 4.5)) Listen and check your answers.

5 Look at Claire's description again and find words to match these definitions.

- 1 It's above the kitchen. Claire sleeps in it.
- 2 Claire sits on it to watch TV.
- 3 Claire washes things in the kitchen in it.
- 4 It's in the kitchen. It has food in it.
- 5 Claire goes to the launderette because she doesn't have this.
- 6 It's in the kitchen. Claire cooks food on it.
- 7 It's on the floor in front of the window.
- 8 It's under the shelf. Claire washes there.

6 Work with a partner. Ask questions and describe your studio flat to your partner to find seven differences. Student A, turn to page 127. Student B, turn to page 132.

Grammar & Speaking articles *a/an, the, -*

- 7a** Look at the highlighted words and phrases in the text in exercise 4a and complete the Grammar focus box with *a/an, the* or *-* (no article).

GRAMMAR FOCUS articles *a/an, the* or no article

Before nouns we can use *a/an* or *the* or no article (-).

- The first time we describe one person/thing, we usually use ¹ _____ or ² _____. We use ³ _____ before consonant sounds, e.g. *red carpet, university* and ⁴ _____ before vowel sounds, e.g. *Indian restaurant, hour*.
- The first time we describe people or things using a plural noun, we usually use ⁵ _____.
- We usually use ⁶ _____ with singular or plural nouns, to say 'you know which one(s) I mean':
 - because we have already talked about it/them
 - because there is only one, e.g. *4th floor*
- We usually use ⁷ _____ with the names of cities, countries and streets (but: *the UK, the USA*).

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- b** Add more highlighted words and phrases from exercise 4a for each rule.

- 8a** Read what Claire says about the part of New York where she lives. Choose the correct option.

It's very difficult to find ¹ _____ (*a/an*) flat in ² _____ (*the/-*) New York. I'm very lucky. I like my flat because it's in ³ _____ (*the/-*) centre of the city. There are ⁴ _____ (*the/-*) shops and restaurants all around me. The Lower East Side isn't the best district in the city but my flat is near a theatre and it's also near ⁵ _____ (*the/-*) East River and ⁶ _____ (*the/a*) small park. One of the things I don't like about my flat is that there isn't ⁷ _____ (*a/the*) lift. Also, unfortunately I'm not near ⁸ _____ (*a/the*) underground station, but there's ⁹ _____ (*a/the*) bus stop opposite ¹⁰ _____ (*a/the*) door of my building.

- b** **4.6** Listen and check your answers.

PRONUNCIATION the schwa /ə/

- 9a** **4.7** Listen to sentences 1–3 from the text in exercise 8. Notice the stressed words and the schwa /ə/ sound on *a/an* and *the* before nouns beginning with a consonant sound.

1 It's in the centre of the city.
 /ə/ /ə/

2 It's near a theatre.
 /ə/

3 It's difficult to find a flat.
 /ə/

- b** **4.8** Listen to sentences 1–3. Underline the schwa /ə/ sounds.

- I live in a flat.
- My flat is on the 5th floor.
- There's a supermarket opposite my house.

- c** **4.8** Listen again and repeat.

- 10a** Make questions from the prompts.

- live / house / flat? *Do you live in a house or a flat?*
- which / floor / live on?
- how many / rooms / there / in / house or flat?
- what / opposite / your house or flat?
- which / your / favourite room?
- why / like it?

- b** Work with a partner. Take turns to ask and answer the questions in exercise 10a.

- 11** **TASK** Work with a partner. Describe your favourite room.
There's an armchair next to my bed.

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