

1 Reading and Listening Time



Read the sample sentences about topic A. Listen to the audio.

Please note that the audio recording of this book contains pronunciations of some words as commonly spoken by users of American English.

Useful Expressions
Use some of the useful expressions, if you like.

1 Apartments or Houses

A **B**

Sample Sentences

Apartments

Lead Apartments are better than houses for three reasons.

Reason 1 First, apartments are smaller than houses. They are just right for people who do not want to spend all day cleaning.

Reason 2 Second, if something breaks down in your rental apartment, do not worry! The landlord will fix or replace it.

Reason 3 Lastly, it is easy to make friends with your neighbors in an apartment building. They will often greet you when you get back home from work or school. They will even greet your dog!

My Opinion
Actually, I prefer living in a house. I feel free to do whatever I like in my own house. Once, we painted the bedroom yellow, the living room blue, and the kitchen red! I am not kidding! It was beautiful!

How to write your own version

Lead Start your essay with the lead sentence.

Reason 1
Reason 2
Reason 3 Write reason 1/2/3 for topic B.

My Opinion
Write your own opinion about the topic you want to choose, A or B.

2 Thinking Time



Think of three good points about topic B.

3 Writing Time 1



Using the structure of the sample sentences, write more than 70 words. Use some of the useful expressions, if you like.

Step 1 Think of three good points about houses.
Step 2 Write more than 70 words. Use some of the useful expressions, if you like.



Houses

Step 3 My Opinion



4 Writing Time 2



Write your own opinion about the topic you want to choose, A or B.

Step 4 After writing, share your ideas with your friends.



5 Talking Time



Present what you wrote by reading it out loud, or even better, memorize it, then present it.

Listen to the sample sentences the way they are spoken with contractions.