

The background features a collage of images illustrating housing evolution. On the right, there is a photograph of a traditional town with red-tiled roofs and a prominent stone church tower. Below this, a blue-tinted architectural rendering shows modern, multi-story apartment buildings. On the left, a portion of a desert landscape with a red rock formation is visible.

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## The Housing Evolution

**Lesson 9**  
**Read for Detail**

- Listen and review the essay.

## The Housing Evolution

▶ Over the years, there have been great changes in living conditions thanks to the advancement of technology. One of the most significant differences can be seen in housing. Houses today are vastly different from those of the past in ways such as materials, type, design, and amenities.



▶ In the past, houses were made of natural materials like wood, stone, and mud. They were smaller and simpler than what we live in now, with only a few rooms for cooking and sleeping. A traditional house had basic rooms, including a living room, kitchen, dining room, and one or two bedrooms. Standing in the rooms, you can feel the traces of daily life when people were living inside. An interesting fact is, although the first flush toilet was invented in 1596, it was only in the 19th century that indoor bathrooms became more common in houses.



## LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ In contrast, today's houses are built with more durable materials including concrete, steel, and glass. Compared to traditional houses that only had basic rooms, modern houses now have more types of rooms such as a study room, tea room, and even a game room where friends can gather over video games! In addition, high-technology appliances make life at home more enjoyable and convenient. For instance, what used to be time-consuming chores like mopping and dishwashing are now just a click away with a mopping robot and a dishwasher. Moreover, why bother to travel to the theater when you can watch all your favorite movies on a large television at home?



## LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ Despite the changes in housing over the years, there are still some similarities between housing in the past and present. One similarity is, both past and present housing often reflects the culture and tradition of the people who live there. Additionally, as the most important similarity, they both provide a place to call home where we can relax, rest, feel safe and warm. After all, it doesn't matter how traditional or modern one's house is, it is the peace and love inside that make it a true home.



### The Housing Evolution | Paragraph 1

Over the years, there have been great changes in living conditions thanks to the advancement of technology. One of the most significant differences can be seen in housing. Houses today are vastly different from those of the past in ways such as materials, type, design, and amenities.

- In what ways are houses today different from those of the past?
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#### Words & Expressions

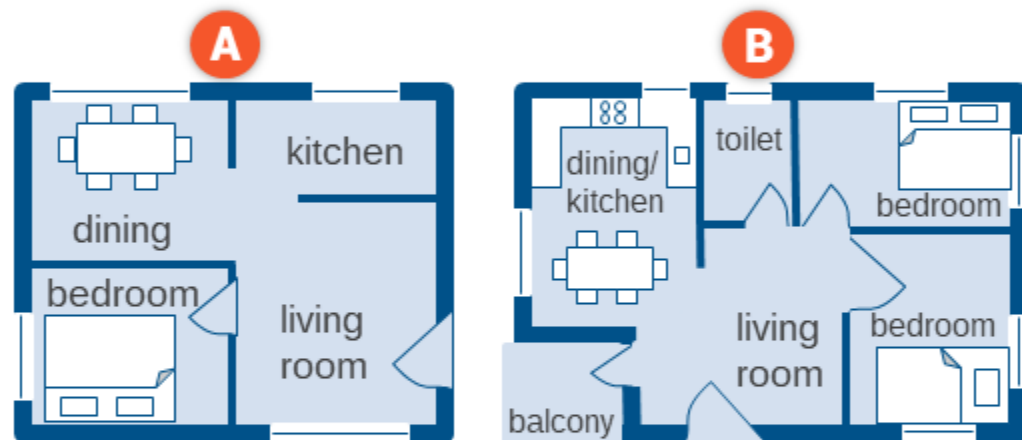
Houses today **are vastly different** from those of the past **in ways such as** materials, type, design, and amenities.



## The Housing Evolution | Paragraph 2

In the past, houses were made of natural materials like wood, stone, and mud. They were smaller and simpler than what we live in now, with only a few rooms for cooking and sleeping. A traditional house had basic rooms including a living room, kitchen, dining room, and one or two bedrooms. Standing in the rooms, you can feel the traces of daily life when people were living inside. An interesting fact is, although the first flush toilet was invented in 1596, it was only in the 19th century that indoor bathrooms became more common in houses.

- Which picture seems to be a house in the past? Why?



### Words & Expressions

...**although** the first flush toilet was invented in 1596, **it was only** in the 19<sup>th</sup> century **that** indoor bathrooms...



### The Housing Evolution | Paragraph 3

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#### ■ True or False?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Today's houses can last longer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There are more types of rooms in old houses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. High-technology appliances make our lives easier.

#### Words & Expressions

...what used to be **time-consuming** chores like mopping and dishwashing are now just **a click away** with a mopping robot and a dishwasher.



### The Housing Evolution | Paragraph 4

Despite the changes in housing over the years, there are still some similarities between housing in the past and present. One similarity is, both past and present housing often reflects the culture and tradition of the people who live there. Additionally, as the most important similarity, they both provide a place to call home where we can relax, rest, feel safe and warm. After all, it doesn't matter how traditional or modern one's house is, it is the peace and love inside that make it a true home.

- Read paragraph 4 and underline the two similarities between housing in the past and present.

### Words & Expressions

After all, **it doesn't matter how traditional or modern one's house is, it is the peace and love inside that make it a true home.**





### The Housing Evolution | Paragraph 2

In the past, houses were made of natural materials like wood, stone, and mud. They were smaller and simpler than what we live in now, with only a few rooms for cooking and sleeping. A traditional house had basic rooms including a living room, kitchen, dining room, and one or two bedrooms. Standing in the rooms, you can feel the traces of daily life when people were living inside. An interesting fact is, although the first flush toilet was invented in 1596, it was only in the 19th century that indoor bathrooms became more common in houses.

### Making Inferences

- Read the highlighted sentence.

**Can you figure out why there weren't indoor bathrooms even if the flush toilet was invented a long time ago?**

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### Working Out Meanings

- Underline the phrase that shares the same meaning as the highlighted phrase in the statement below.

**“Nowadays, household tasks like mopping and dishwashing can be easily done with the help of technology such as a robotic mop or dishwasher.”**

- **Discuss with your teacher.**

## Houses in the Future

1. What do you think the future houses will be like?
2. What is its biggest difference from the house we live in right now?





- **Complete the summary of the essay.**

The essay discusses the **(small / significant)** changes in housing over the years thanks to technological **(improve / advancements)**. In the past, houses were **(larger / smaller)** and made of natural materials. They had only basic rooms for cooking and sleeping and lacked **(outdoor / indoor)** bathrooms. Today's houses are built with more **(hard / durable)** materials such as concrete, steel, and glass. They have **(basic / additional)** rooms including a study room, tea room, and even a game room! High-tech appliances make life at home **(less / more)** enjoyable and convenient. Despite these differences, both past and present housing reflects culture and tradition while providing a place to call home. People relax, rest, and feel safe and warm in it— making it a true home regardless of how **(traditional / new)** or modern it is.





# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn a critical thinking skill: "comparing and contrasting facts."

See you next time!