

IELTS Accommodation Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

Accommodation is the most frequent IELTS Speaking topic. There is a good chance it will be the first topic the examiner uses – so IELTS accommodation vocabulary should be high on your priority list.

Below you will find questions about **accommodation** for each part of the Speaking tests — with model answers in the form of a gap-fill quiz.

Try and place the words under each answer into the correct space. When you have finished [go to this page](#) and check your answers.

Part 1-style questions

Examiner: Do you live in a house or an apartment?

Candidate: I live in a _____. It is in a rural area, and I have a large back garden with a beautiful _____.

Examiner: What is your favourite room?

Candidate: I like to sit in the dining room since it opens onto a _____ and _____ the back garden.

Examiner: Is there anything about your house you would like to change?

Candidate: The kitchen is _____ and has a small _____. I want to build _____ to give me more room to cook and to **stockpile** a bit more food.

larder *spacious bungalow* *poky* *patio*

overlooks *an extension* *lawn*

Part 2-style task

Describe a house or apartment you would like to live in.

You should say:

- where it would be
- what it would look like
- who would live there with you

and explain why you would like to live in this place.

Candidate: My dream is to live in a house next to the ocean ... I'd like a _____ of the **coast** and the sea ... the house would be _____ in style, I hate _____ spaces... A really _____ would be a swimming pool on the roof with a **reinforced** glass floor ... this would allow light to **shimmer** through to the room below ... the bedroom would be at the top of the building and offer wide _____ of the surrounding area ... I would construct the building from wood, glass and _____ ... it will have **bare** walls and surfaces except for the **refractions and shadows** from the roof and windows ... the dining table and bed would be **fashioned from concrete** ... I'm an introvert and so would live there along – it would be _____ from the **hustle and bustle** of the outside world ...

minimalist panoramic view a refuge

special feature uninterrupted views cluttered

concrete

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: Do most people in your country live in a flat or a house?

Candidate: The majority of people live in *urban areas* ... since cities are so crowded, people tend to live in large _____ ... *rural areas* are _____ and in these areas houses are more common ...

Examiner: What are the good and the bad points of living in an apartment?

Candidate: I guess an apartment is safer since they give *burglars* fewer access points ... on the other hand they can be more inconvenient for those with _____ since lifts can often break down ...

Examiner: Which do you think is more important, the functionality of a home, or it's appearance?

Candidate: I've already talked about people with mobility problems – and I fall into this category ... so I favour _____. There is no point in having a beautiful home if you can't move around it freely.

functionality

less densely populated

apartment complexes

mobility problems