

Unit 4 – Home Sweet Home

VOCABULARY

Building materials

mud
straw
wood
palm leaves
thatch
canvas
tin
rendered brick
stone

Dwellings

a tent
a cottage
a house
a flat
a village
a high-rise

Construction people

a builder
a carpenter
an electrician
a plumber
a designer
an architect

Parts of houses

a thatched roof
a shingled roof
stilts
a framework
a veranda / porch
a storey
a cellar
a chimney
a ceiling
a floor
foundations
upstairs
downstairs
furniture

kitchen
bedroom
living room
bathroom
terrace

Process of building

to clean up
to sweep up
to design
to lay the foundations
to renovate

Collocations with

make, do and take

make a cup of tea
make a mess
make a garden
take a long time
take a photo
take advantage
do the housework
do the design

"House" metaphors

build on what you know
build up a business
feel **at home** somewhere
the business is **in ruins**
a good foundation to **build on**
the prices **go through the roof**
this will **open doors** for you
hard work is **the key** to success

GRAMMAR

Review of tenses vs. time

Dad **cleans** up each afternoon. (present simple – now, routine)

The house **is growing** at a great rate. (present continuous – for now)

I'm taking over his job while he's away. (present continuous – for now)

The weather **has been** good lately. (present perfect – from past until now)

Dad **has been taking** photos. (present perfect continuous – from past until now)

The foundations **were laid** last week. (past passive – finished past)

Referring to the future

The roof **is to go** on next week. (*be* + infinitive with *to* – for future)

We expect it **will** be finished in a month. (*will* + verb – for prediction)

Next week he **is going to** fly to Perth. (*going to* + verb – for intention)

I think it's **going to** be sunny this weekend. (*going to* + verb – for prediction)

I **will** send you some photos. (*will* + verb – for spontaneous decision)

The men **are coming** over for tea in a minute. (present continuous – for scheduled event)

USEFUL PHRASES

Complimenting

What a lovely floor!

This is a nice idea, having the kitchen near the window.

I like the way that you've used the space.

That is a great terrace!

I particularly like how you've done the ceilings.

You've done very well with the colour scheme.

That's a / What a lovely floor.

Those are / What lovely paintings.

This is a nice idea, having the kitchen next to the window.

I like the way / I particularly like how you've used the space in here.