

Unit 3: Your time, your space!

Reading 01 The White House

a Visit the website of the White House at <https://whitehouse.gov1.info/visit/tour.html#online> and find out where these rooms are:

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| 1 | The China Room | is on the ground floor in the residence. |
| 2 | The library | |
| 3 | The White House kitchen | |
| 4 | The Blue Room | |
| 5 | The Green Room | |
| 6 | The Cabinet Room | |
| 7 | The Oval Office | |
| 8 | The Family Theater | |
| 9 | The Entrance Hall | |

b Read the text about the White House, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1–6. Put a in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

The White House

The White House is the official home and also the office of the President of the United States. The building consists of 132 rooms and several floors. In the East Wing there are the offices for the First Lady and her secretaries and assistants. The private rooms of the First Family are on the second and third floor. In the West Wing there are the offices for the president and his top officials. There are also so-called state rooms, which are used for official functions like state visits.

Guests come into the White House through the Entrance Hall, which is full of presidential portraits and walk through the Cross Hall to the East Room. This large room has been used for many events, like receptions, weddings, press conferences and funerals.

One of the most famous rooms in the White House is the Oval Office. It is the personal office of the president, where he meets his advisers and assistants and can talk in private with visiting heads of state and Members of Congress. Whenever the president speaks to the American people on TV, he sits at his desk in the Oval Office. Next to the Oval Office and overlooking the White House Rose Garden, is the Cabinet Room, where the president meets with his ministers. Another important room

in this part of the White House is the Press Room, where national and international journalists come together to hear the latest news from the President's Office.

Several rooms in the White House are named after the colour of their walls, like the Red Room, the Green Room and the Blue Room. The most historically important is the Green Room, as the first US Declaration of War on the British was signed here. The Blue Room, which has a great view of the South Lawn, is often used as a formal reception room.

Whenever there is a State Dinner it takes place in the State Dining Room, which can hold up to 140 people. Meals served at State Dinners, as well as the daily meals for the First Family, are made in the White House Kitchen. The cooks use fresh produce from the White House kitchen garden.

If the weather is fine, the Rose Garden is used as an outside space for press conferences and diplomatic receptions. Another important garden, the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, is next to the East Wing. It is an 18th century American garden with a wonderful lawn and beds for flowers and herbs like lavender and rosemary.

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- C comes from the White House Kitchen.
- D is always vegetarian.

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Listening 02 Lisa's free time

Listen to the recording about Lisa's free time. While listening, match the beginnings of the sentences (1–6) with the sentence endings (A–I). There are two extra sentence endings that you should not use. The first one (0) has been done for you.

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| C | always do their best. |
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| F | sport outdoors. |
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Language 03 Prepositions

Complete Andrew's profile using the prepositions in the box. Some of them can be used more than once.

from ■ in ■ near ■ on ■ of

My home town

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Writing 04 An email

Write an email to your English tandem partner. In your email you should

- inform him/her where you live.
- describe your flat or house.
- tell him/her about your hometown.

Write 120–150 words. Don't forget an appropriate beginning and ending to your email.

Language 05 Pronouns and possessive adjectives

Read the web postings about unhappiness and complete them with suitable pronouns or possessive adjectives.

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Circle the correct adverb of frequency

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a Write five sentences about yourself. Use one word from each of the boxes and pay attention to the correct word order!

always usually
often sometimes never

have a coffee have a shower watch TV
meet friends read the newspaper
use the internet listen to the radio

in the morning
in the evening
at night
in the afternoon

Example: *In the morning, I always have a shower.*

b Now write five sentences that are true of your best friend.

Language 08 Present tense

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

(1) _____ you often _____ (travel) anywhere at the weekend? – No, I don't usually, but my older brother sometimes (2) _____ (take) me to Vienna in his car.

My friend Susan (3) _____ (watch) TV every night or she (4) _____ (surf) the internet. She (5) _____ (not go) to bed before midnight.

I (6) _____ (not like) going for long walks, especially when it (7) _____ (rain).

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