**Lesson 3. The House of my dream.** **Indefinite article.**

**Lead in:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blsUez3zkes**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blsUez3zkes) **– watch the video and guess the type of a house.**

**I) Vocabulary https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4hM5Yq5q0E - Types of Houses \_ American & British\_**

**Vocabulary**

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| **suburb -** передмістя  **garage -** гараж  **landscape -** ландшафт  **dwelling –** помешкання  **a lodging -** житло  **a hostel/dormitory -** гуртожиток  **housing -** житлові умови, помешкання  **apartment/flat –** квартира  **a block of flats -** багатоквартирний будинок  **farmhouse -** сільський будинок  **semi-detached house -** будинок з блоків  **duplex -** двоквартирний будинок  **mansion -** великий будинок  **bungalow -** бунгало, будинок з верандою  **neighbor -** сусід  **water supply -** водопостачання  **detached house -** приватний житловий будинок  **outhouses -** надвірні споруди  **paddling pool -** маленький декоративний басейн  **flowerbed -** клумба | **a nursery -** дитяча  **a lavatory -** туалет  **a pantry -** кладовка  **central heating -** центральне опалення  **to the left -** наліво  **to the right -** направо  **a gas range -** газова плита  **a washing- machine -** пральна машина  **a study -** кабінет  **a bed-room -** спальня  **a dining-room -** вітальня  **a kitchen -** кухня  **a bathroom -** ванна  **a floor -** поверх  **a ceiling -** стеля | **cozy -** затишний  **calm and measured rhythm of life -** спокійний і врівноважений спосібжиття  **convenient -** зручний  **convenience -** зручність  **conveniences -** зручності  **equipment -** обладнання  **drawer -** шухляда  **bedding -** постіль  **cushion -** подушка  **whitewashed -** побілений  **socket -** розетка  **a cupboard -** буфет  **furniture -** меблі  **a sink -** раковина  **a tap -** кран  **appliance -** прилад  **mirror -** дзеркало  **night-table -** тумбочка  **sideboard -** сервант  **desk -** письмовий стіл  **dish washer -** посудомийна машина |

**II) Reading. Exercise 1. Read and translate the text:**

**The house of my dream**

I like to dream and I often imagine my future home. I’d like to live in detached house in one of the suburbs of our city. I hope that there will be a forest and a lake near my house.

The ground floor consists of the kitchen, the living room and the study. The kitchen is cozy with all modern conveniences. We have running water, a fridge, gas and microwave cookers, a dishwasher. These appliances help to save our time. The kitchen is done in folk style and there are many traditional Ukrainian pots and souvenirs. It’s nice when our family gets together in the evenings and shares the news.

The living room is spacious with big windows. I don’t have much furniture. I like when my friends visit us and we have a big dining table with chairs and a cupboard with porcelain.

The study is the place where I work. To my mind there should be a desk, a chair, many bookcases, a computer with all other necessary appliances like printer.

On the first floor there are two bedrooms. One bedroom is for adults. There we have a wardrobe, a bed and two night-tables. The colors of the walls are not bright.

The bedroom of my children will be light with many toys and sports equipment. Children are very active and they must have much of exercise.

This is my dream and I haven’t imagined all the details rather clearly. By the time this dream comes true everything will be planned. I invite to visit the house of my dream.

**Exercise 2. Answer the questions:**

* + - 1. What flat do you live in?
      2. What house would you like to have?
      3. What modern conveniences and appliances would you like to have in your future house?
      4. What is the décor of the rooms in your future flat or house?
      5. Would you like to live in the city or in the suburb?

**Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with the necessary words in brackets:**

Recently we’ve got a new … (kitchen, flat, rack).

My mother cooks the food in the … (running water, sideboard, kitchen).

In every room we have a number of … on the walls (tables, pictures, beds).

You can see a … on the floor (carpet, bathroom, shelf).

He invited us for his … (furniture, central heating, house-warming).

**Exercise 4. Fill the blanks:**

***taste, place, floor, a refrigerator, a two-stored mansion, mirror, curtains, wardrobe, mirror***

Every person has his own idea of a perfect house. Since the time immemorial people always wanted to make their dwelling a … , where one feels comfortable and cozy, where one always wants to come back to.

A dwelling of my dream is not a flat but …. And as a real hostess I’d like to arrange everything in the house according to my …. Now, let me tell you about my house. When you come to me, you push a big wooden front door, wiping your feet on the door-mat, and enter the hall. The … is covered with a fitted carpet, the wallpaper is light and has a small pattern. There’s a seat and a small table near the wall and a huge …above it.

Then you enter the living-room. The bright full-length …are drawn back, and sunshine fills the room. The living-room suite, consisting of a sideboard, a bookcase, a sofa, an elegant coffee table and three armchairs, is arranged around three walls. There’s a video system near the window.

On the ground floor there’s also a kitchen and a bathroom. The kitchen is a very large room with a big window. There is a gas cooker, two wall-cupboards and a sink unit there. Near the opposite wall there is a dishwasher, … and a table.

Let’s go upstairs and have a look at the bedroom. This is a very cosy and warm room. The bedroom suite consists of a bed, two bedside tables and a… . The window overlooks the back yard. In my house there is also a terrace, a garage and a garden and so many other things I’d like to have; at least, in my dream house.

**III) Grammar explanation**.

Indefinite articles

In English, the two indefinite articles are *a* and *an*.

Use ***a*** when the next word starts with a consonant, or before words starting in *u* and *eu* when they sound like *you*.

Use***an*** when the next word starts with a vowel *(a,e,i,o,u)* or with a mute *h*.

##### Examples

* a boy an apple
* a car an elephant
* a helicopter an itchy sweater
* a big elephant an ugly duck
* a european an hour
* a university an honor
* a unit
  1. The indefinite article is used to refer to something for the first time or to refer to a particular member of a group or class. Some use cases and examples are given below.

Use a to refer to something for the first time.

##### Examples

* Would you like **a drink**?
* I've finally got **a good job**.
* An elephant and **a mouse** fell in love.

###### Naming members of a group

* 1. Use a with names of jobs.

##### Examples

* John is **a doctor**.
* Mary is training to be **an engineer**.
* He wants to be **a dancer**.
  1. Use a with nationalities and religions in the singular.

##### Examples

* John is **an Englishman**.
* Kate is **a Catholic**.
  1. Use a with the names of days of the week when not referring to any particular day.

##### Examples

* I was born on **a Thursday**.
* Could I come over on **a Saturday** sometime?
  1. Use a to refer to an example of something.

##### Examples

* The mouse had **a tiny nose** .
* The elephant had **a long trunk** .
* It was **a very strange car** .
  1. Use a with singular nouns after the words 'what' and 'such'.

##### Examples

* What **a shame**!
* She's such **a beautiful girl**.
* What **a lovely day**!
  1. Use a meaning 'one', referring to a single object or person, or a single unit of measure. In these sentences using "one" instead of the indefinite article is grammatically correct. It will add emphasis to the number, and contrast with other numbers.

##### Examples

* I'd like **an orange** and two lemons please.
* I'd like **one orange** and two lemons please.
* The burglar took **a diamond necklace** and some valuable paintings.
* I can think of **a hundred reasons** not to come.
* I need **a kilogram** of sugar.
* I need **one kilogram** of sugar.
* You can't run **a mile** in 5 minutes!

**Exercise 5. Write *a, the* or no article to complete these sentences.**

1. She’s …. Journalist.
2. … moon moves slowly round …. Earth.
3. …. Sun is shining.
4. I’d like …. cup of coffee, please.
5. Have you got … double room?
6. I bought … pen and some paper, but I left … pen in the shop.
7. He gave me a lighter and some cigarettes but …. lighter didn’t work.
8. Yes, I work at this school. I’m …. teacher.
9. Did you send me … postcard when you were in Greece?
10. He gave me …. orange.

**Exercise 6. Fill the article where it is necessary.**

1. I have two … sisters. My … sisters are … students.
2. We are at … home.
3. My … brother is not at … home, he is at … school.
4. My … mother is at … work. She is … doctor.

**Summing up**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2etlJzQiY4&t=5s> – video quiz

**Homework**. Write down an essay about the house of my dream. Cover the following issues:  
- the location of my dream house, landscape  
- house description inside and out (rooms, furniture, design)  
- pros and cons of my dream house