

Unit 9

House swapping

Compare houses

Student's sheet

Student A

Country	England	Germany
Year house was built	1966	
Number of rooms	7	
Number of bathrooms	1	
Number of toilets	2	
Parking	Yes	
Garage	No	
Train fare to nearest town	£2.20	
Distance to nearest supermarket	1 km	
Population of town	20,000	
Average temperature in summer	20°C	
House number	12	
Street	Appleyard Croft	
Postcode	HU15 4FT	
Town	Cottingham	
Telephone number	+ 44 01483 837 112	
Email address	b.foxhunt@cotting.ham	

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Student B

Country	England	Germany
Year house was built		1997
Number of rooms		6
Number of bathrooms		2
Number of toilets		2
Parking		Yes
Garage		No
Train fare to nearest town		€4.50
Distance to nearest supermarket		500 m
Population of town		7,000
Average temperature in summer		24°C
House number		26
Street		Brunnweg
Postcode		55182
Town		Paulheim
Telephone number		+49 5621 825 615
Email address		e.wiesel@paul.de

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Teacher's notes

Preparation:

The aim of this activity is to get students to compare houses for swapping and to say numbers and letters correctly. Copy one sheet for each student. Half the class has the sheet for Student A and the other half for student B.

In class:

Write "house swapping" on the board and brainstorm what you might want to know about a house before swapping.

Divide the class into two groups (A and B) and ask them to look at the information they have and decide which questions they should ask to find the information about the other house. Then one student from each group A and B should find a student from the other group and ask the questions to get the missing information.

Answers:

Country	England	Germany
Year house was built	1966	1997
Number of rooms	7	6
Number of bathrooms	1	2
Number of toilets	2	2
Parking	Yes	Yes
Garage	No	No
Train fare to nearest town	£2.20	€4.50
Distance to nearest supermarket	1 km	500 m
Population of town	20,000	7,000
Average temperature in summer	20°C	24°C
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Extension activities:

1. Students compare the houses and decide which they think is better.
2. Students decide what further information they need about the houses and invent this information for each house.
3. Students write an email describing one of the houses and making it as attractive as possible.