

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

OPEN HOUSE



INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

A fact-finding sheet for students to fill in while visiting an open house.

A note to the students regarding the role of the real estate agent is printed at the top of the worksheet, but it is important to review this with your students so that they do not take the agent away from his or her work. Depending on the real estate market in your area, real estate agents may be more than happy to help your students look around a house for sale, or be too busy to give them the time of day. If possible, contact a local real estate agency and find out if there are any scheduled open houses they can recommend your students visit.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES:

REQUIRED VOCABULARY: *homeowner, real estate agent, house, condominium, townhouse, square footage, property taxes, appliances, special features, property*

GROUP SIZE: individual or pairs

HANDOUTS: Visiting an Open House worksheet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: local newspaper or real estate listings, local area map to find open house

RELATED GRAMMAR: word order of adjectives

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Ask students to think of some adjectives to describe the home they visited

Ask students to draw a floor plan from memory

Point out that while Canada is officially metric, we still use imperial measurements in many industries (i.e., square footage, 2"x 4"s, property measurements, etc.)

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VISITING AN OPEN HOUSE

WORK SHEET

An open house is an opportunity to look inside a home for sale. The homeowner is usually not home. Instead, a real estate agent is there to answer questions people have. Remember, the real estate agent is working to sell the home, not do your homework for you!

date: _____ time: _____

address: _____

type of housing: house condominium townhouse other: _____ (circle one)

Did the agent have an information sheet? yes no (circle one)

If there is an information sheet, look on it for this information. If there isn't an information sheet, walk around the home to find this information (guess if you have to):

How big is it (square footage)? _____

How many bedrooms are there? _____

How many bathrooms are there? _____

How old is the home? _____

How much are the property taxes? _____

Are any appliances included in the price? _____

What is the price? _____

Are there any special features of the home or property? _____

Would you like to live here? Why or why not? _____
