

Types of houses. Advantages and disadvantages

There are some basic types of houses: detached houses, semi-detached, terraced houses and flats. The most popular type of home in Britain is semi-detached, but in Belarus most people live in flats.

My family lives in **a block of flats**. I think that it is the cheapest type of dwelling in any town. Flats can be of different sizes: one-roomed, two-roomed, three-roomed, so one can choose what they like, need or can afford. If you are going to live alone, you can prefer **a studio** to a large apartment. If you live in a block of flats it takes less time to tidy up a flat than a house. But living in a flat has its disadvantages. Your neighbours can make a lot of noise when they hammer or drill the wall or set a party.

Living in **a detached house** gives you a lot of advantages. Your neighbours do not disturb you. As you have some land around the house, you can build a garage, a padding pool and arrange some flowerbeds.

There are also those who like **semi-detached houses**. To my mind, such houses attract people because they are less expensive than **mansions** or **bungalows** and you have only one neighbour as opposed to a block of flats. And as you have a neighbour, you can always turn to them if you need something, though from time to time your neighbour can disturb you while repairing their part of the house or listening to music loudly. But in general I am sure that it is quite convenient to live in a semi-detached house.

Some people prefer to live in the country either in a small comfortable **cottage** or in a large **farmhouse**. The way I see things is that people who prefer this type of dwelling really adore nature and they want to have quiet life. Usually such people keep poultry and cattle. One of the advantages of living in such a house is that you have your own land where you can grow fruit and vegetables. You can also build a greenhouse, a garage and a tool shed. The greatest disadvantage of living in a farmhouse or in a cottage, in my opinion, is that it takes much time to get to the nearest town. On the other hand, if you have a car it will not be difficult for you.

In conclusion I would like to add that there are different types of housing but to live comfortably means to live in the relaxing friendly atmosphere, not in luxury though all people have the right to choose where to live.