**Types of houses**

There are many types of houses: detached houses, semi-detached houses, terraced houses and blocks of flats. Some of the detached houses are cottages and bungalows.

A detached house can be of any form or style. It does not matter if the house is a bungalow, a cottage or a mansion (особняк). As long as it is not joined to another house, it is a detached house. One advantage of a detached house is the fact that the free space surrounding the building belongs to the family. You can do whatever you want in your house.

A semi-detached house is a pair of houses that share one common wall. The two houses are built to mirror each other. One advantage of living in a semi-detached house is that there is still some privacy even if one wall is shared by the two houses. A disadvantage is that you are responsible for the upkeep (уход) of your side of the house. Another disadvantage is that you cannot just plan repairs or renovations as you have to consider your twin house.

Terraced houses are also known as townhouses. Terraced houses are a row of identical looking houses which share side walls. In the past, terrace houses used to be only associated with the working class because this type of housing was cheap, small and had very little privacy.

A flat or an apartment is a part of a larger building. Such building is called an apartment building or a block of flats. A flat can be a studio unit, a one-bedroom, two-bedroom or three-bedroom unit.

We have a nice flat in a new block of flats. Our flat is on the fourth floor. It has all modern conveniences: central heating, gas, electricity, cold and hot running water, a lift and a chute to carry rubbish down. There are three rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a hall in our flat(если у вас квартира). ( Если у вас дом: We have a nice detached house. It is big and modern. It has all modern conveniences: central heating, gas, electricity, cold and hot running water, a big yard with a dog and a cat. There are three rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a hall in our house.)

The living-room is the largest and most comfortable room in the flat. There is a square-table with six chairs round it, a wall-unit which has several sections, a piano and a little table with a colour TV set on it. Near the TV set there are two cozy armchairs. A small round table, a sofa and a lamp are in the left-hand corner. We like to spend here our evenings together.

The bedroom is smaller than the living-room and not so light as there is only one window in it.

It’s really wonderful to have a room for yourself. My room is not large but very cozy. There isn’t much furniture in it, only the most necessary: a desk and an armchair before it, a bookcase, a dresser and a bed.

But the warmest place in our flat is the kitchen, I think — the place where the whole family gathers every evening not only to have dinner together, but also to speak and rest. I like the English proverb: “My home is my castle” because my flat/ house is, indeed, my castle.

1. Комод 2. Террасный дом 3. Многоквартирный дом 4. Отдельный дом 5. одноквартирный дом, имеющий общую стену с соседним домом 6. цветной телевизор 7. Свободное пространство вокруг здания 8. Собственная комната 9. Мой дом – моя крепость. 10. Квартира-студия 11. Мебель 12. Стенка (комплект мебели) 13. Современные удобства 14. Ты не можешь просто планировать 15. Зал/ гостиная 16. Ответственный за… 17. Мусоропровод 18. Можно заниматься всем, чем хочешь 19. Принадлежать семье 20. Построены как зеркальное отражение друг друга 21. Иметь общие боковые стены 22. Мало уединенности (недостаточная приватность) 23. Только самое необходимое
2. What types of houses are mentioned in the text?
3. Make a developed plan of the text.