At home

In Unit 8, you learn how to . . .

- use *Whose . . . ?* and *mine, yours, his, hers,* etc.
- order adjectives before nouns and the pronouns *one* and *ones*.
- talk about your home, your belongings, and your habits.
- use *Do you mind . . . ?* to ask for permission and *Would you mind . . . ?* to make requests.
- agree to requests in different ways.

Things at home

Bedroom

- clock
- curtains
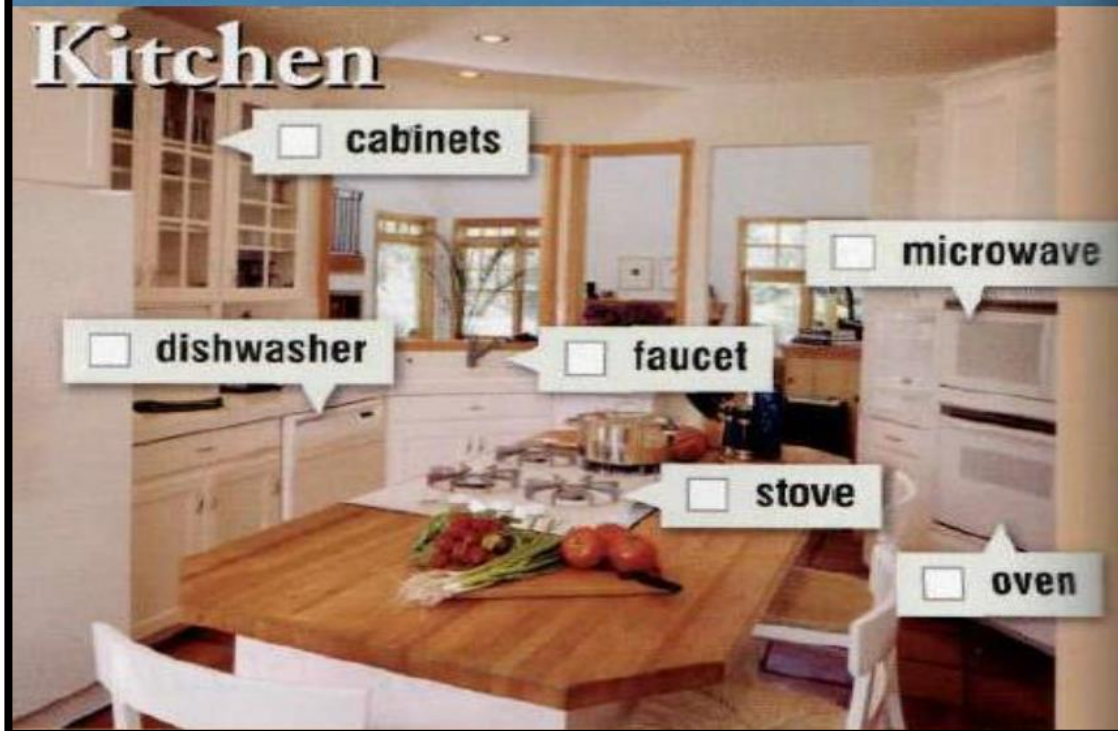- dresser
- nightstand
- carpet

Things at home

Bathroom

- [ ] mirror
- [ ] shower
- [ ] sink
- [ ] toilet
- [ ] bathtub

Things at home

Living room

- [ ] armchair
- [ ] lamp
- [ ] coffee table
- [ ] cushions
- [ ] end table
- [ ] sofa

Things at home

Kitchen

☐ cabinets

☐ microwave

☐ dishwasher

☐ faucet

☐ stove

☐ oven

❶ **Meg** Hmm. The rug in the middle is nice, and I like that red one, too. Which one do you like?

Lia I like all of them. They're all nice.

❷ **Jon** Those small round speakers are cool.

Andy Which ones? The little silver ones?

Jon Yeah. The ones on the right.

❶ A Which rug do you like? Do you like the blue _one_ ?

B Not really. I like the _red_ one _On the left_ .

❷ A Which speakers do you like? The silver _ones_ ?

B Um, no, I like the _black_ ones.

Order of Adjectives:

Before a noun, the usual order of types of adjectives is:

Opinion	Size	Color	Shape	Nationality	Material	Noun
Beautiful	big	blue	square	Thai	wool	Carpet
Awesome	little	red	rectangular	Iraqi	metal	
Pretty	small	black	round	English	plastic	
Ugly	tiny			American	cotton	
Disgusting						

Usual adjective order:
opinion, size, color, shape, nationality, material
They have **beautiful Turkish** rugs.
I like the **big red** rug.
I want those **cute little round** speakers.

I like the green rug. Which **one** do you like?
  I like the blue **one** in the middle.
Those speakers are cool. Which **ones** do you like?
  I like the silver **ones** on the right.

1

I like the ___Square wooden clock___
Which ___one___ do you like?

2

I don't like the ___Orange curtains___
Which ___ones___ do you like?

3

I'd like to buy the ___Small silver TV in the middle___
Which ___one___ would you like?

Lesson C Do you mind . . . ?

1 Conversation strategy *Asking politely*

A In which request is someone (a) asking you to do something?   (b) asking permission to do something?

Would you mind opening the window? _____
Do you mind if I open the window? _____

Now listen. What does Claudia ask Mei?

Claudia	**Hello! Come on in.**
Mei	**These are for you, Claudia. Are the others here yet?**
Claudia	**Oh, thank you. No, not yet. So just make yourself at home. Can I get you some tea?**
Mei	**No, thank you. I'm fine. Do you mind if I call my husband?**
Claudia	**No, go ahead. After your phone call, would you mind helping me in the kitchen? I hate to ask you, but I'm running a bit late.**
Mei	**No, not at all. What can I do?**
Claudia	**Well, . . . could you chop the onions?**
Mei	**No problem. I'm happy to help.**

Notice how Mei uses *Do you mind . . . ?* to ask for permission, and Claudia uses *Would you mind . . . ?* to ask Mei to do something. Also notice that they answer no to show they agree. Find the examples in the conversation.

> "Do you mind . . . ?"
> "No, go ahead."
>
> "Would you mind . . . ?"
> "No, not at all."

Complete the questions with *Would you mind* or *Do you mind if*.

1. A Do you mind if I borrow your dictionary?
   B No, not at all. Go ahead.

2. A **Would you mind** answering the phone for me?
   B Oh, no. No problem.

3. A **Would you mind** closing that door?
   B No, not at all.

4. A **Do you mind if** I take off my shoes?
   B No. Go right ahead.

5. A **Would you mind** I use your computer for a minute?
   B No problem.

6. A **Would you mind** handing me the potato salad?
   B Of course not. Here you are.

7. A **Would you mind** _____ opening the window?
   B I'd be happy to.

8. A **Do you mind if** _____ I eat the last piece of apple pie?
   B Not at all. Go ahead.

9. A **Do you mind if** _____ I turn on the news for a minute?
   B No, not at all.

10. A **Would you mind** _____ turning down the radio a little?
    B No problem. Is this OK now?

AGREEING TO REQUESTS

Answer Yes to agree to requests with _Can_ and _Could_:

Can I use your phone?
   Yes. / Sure. / Go (right) ahead.

Could you chop the onions?
   Yes. / Sure. / OK. / No problem.

Answer No to agree to requests with _mind_:

Do you mind if I use your phone?
   No, go (right) ahead. / No, not at all.

Would you mind helping me in the kitchen?
   No, not at all. / Oh, no. No problem.

Complete the answers. Then practice with a partner.

1. A I hate to ask this, but would you mind turning off your cell phone during dinner?

   B _No, no problem_ . But do you mind if I make just one quick call?

2. A Do you mind if I use your computer to check my e-mail?

   B _No, not at all_ . Go right ahead.

3. A Can I borrow your cell phone for a few minutes?

   B Well, I'm expecting a call, but _Go a head_ .

4. A Would you mind helping me with dinner tonight?

   B _No, not at all_ . What are you making?

5. A Could you get some milk when you go to the supermarket?

   B _Sure_ . What kind do you want?

AT HOME – How **typical** are you?

Do you make your bed every day? Do you try to save electricity at home? Are you a pack rat? Read about the home habits of Americans – are they the same as yours?

Making beds and doing dishes

74% of people make their beds every morning. 5% *never* do. And 3% actually change their sheets every day.

Do you wash the dishes right after eating? 58% of Americans do, but 5% let theirs sit for two or more days!

Neat and tidy

Are you an organized person? 13% of people alphabetize their books and CDs, or organize them in some way!

The average home has 13 cleaning products around the house.

Pack rats

How long do you save magazines? About half the population throws away old ones after six months. But 20% keep them for years and years.

Lights out

Are you careful about saving electricity? 25% of people turn off the light when they leave a room. 8% never do. Four out of five leave the lights on when they go out at night.

Who does the laundry?

Men do 29% of the 419 million loads of laundry washed each week. Almost all unmarried men do at least one load a week.

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1. _____ people never do their beds.
    a. All
    b. Most
    c. A few
    d. Some

2. _____ of Americans don't do the dishes after eating.
    a. 5%
    b. 3%
    c. 74%
    d. 58%

3. _____ of American people throw away old magazines.
    a. about 20%
    b. about 25%
    c. about 74%
    d. about 50%

Look at the pictures. Complete the questions with *one* or *ones*. Then write answers using at least two adjectives.

1. A I like the Thai sofa. Which _one_ do you like?
  B Oh, I like the big Italian one.

2. A I like the white dresser. Which _one_ do you like?
  B I like the tall black one

3. A I like the square mirrors. Which _ones_ do you like?
  B I like the small round ones

4. A I love the big clock. Which _one_ do you like?
  B I like the small round one

Unscramble the sentences about Sam's living room.

1. small / living room / There's / a / sofa / in / his

   There's a small sofa in his living room.

2. has / square / some / cool / cushions / He / on the sofa

   He has some cool square cushion on the sofa.

3. end table / a / There's / beautiful / on the left / Japanese

   There is a beautiful Japanese end table on the left.

4. a / TV / He / big / on the wall / has / black
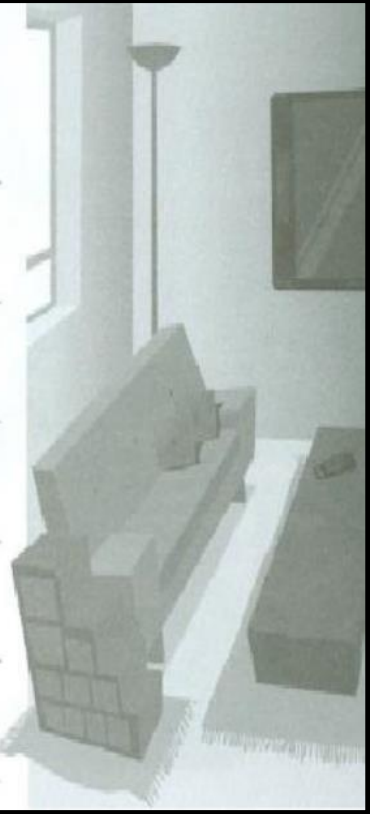
   He has a big black TV on the wall.

5. in front of / There's / a / the / coffee table / sofa / long / dark

   There is a long dark coffee table in front of the sofa.

6. are / on the floor / some / cotton / nice / rugs / There

   There are some nice cotton rugs on the floor.

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