

DESCRIBING & SELLING A PROPERTY

Grammar toolbox – Preparing for your house tour

1. DESCRIBING WHAT YOU CAN SEE

THERE IS / THERE ARE

There is + singular
→ *There is a large kitchen.*

There are + plural
→ *There are three bedrooms.*

△ **There is** = il y a (singulier)
△ **There are** = il y a (pluriel)

PRACTICE 1 – Complete with **THERE IS** or **THERE ARE**.

- 1. _____ a large living room.
- 2. _____ three bedrooms upstairs.
- 3. _____ a beautiful garden at the back of the house.
- 4. _____ two bathrooms on the first floor.
- 5. _____ a fireplace in the dining room.
- 6. _____ large windows in the kitchen.

2. PRESENTING THE HOUSE

HAVE / HAS

The house has + noun
→ *The house has five bedrooms.*
→ *The property has a large garden.*
→ *The kitchen has two large windows.*

Remember:
I / You / We / They → **have**
He / She / It → **has**

PRACTICE 2 – Complete with **HAVE** or **HAS**.

- 1. The house _____ four bedrooms.
- 2. The property _____ a large garden.
- 3. The living room _____ a beautiful fireplace.
- 4. The bedrooms _____ large windows.
- 5. The kitchen _____ built-in appliances.
- 6. The house _____ a double garage.

3. DESCRIBING A ROOM OR A HOUSE

There are two very useful structures:

A. BE + ADJECTIVE

The room is + adjective.
→ *The living room is spacious.*
→ *The kitchen is bright.*
→ *The bedroom is cosy and welcoming.*

B. ADJECTIVE + NOUN

a/an + adjective + noun

- *a spacious living room*
- *a bright kitchen*
- *a charming bedroom*
- *an elegant dining room*

PRACTICE 3 – Choose the correct sentence.

- 1. ☐ The living room is spacious.
☐ The living room is spacious room.
- 2. ☐ It is a bright kitchen.
☐ It is a kitchen bright.
- 3. ☐ The bedroom is cosy.
☐ The bedroom is a cosy.
- 4. ☐ It is a charming property.
☐ It is a property charming.
- 5. ☐ The garden is beautiful.
☐ The garden is a beautiful.

PRACTICE 4 – Put the words in the correct order.

- 1. **spacious / a / living room**
→ _____
- 2. **is / the kitchen / bright**
→ _____
- 3. **a / charming / is / property / it**
→ _____
- 4. **the bedrooms / generous / are**
→ _____

4. ADDING DETAILS WITH WITH

WITH allows you to add information without making a complicated sentence.

- *a spacious living room **with large windows***
- *a modern kitchen **with built-in appliances***
- *a beautiful bedroom **with an en-suite bathroom***

PRACTICE 5 – Combine the two pieces of information.

Example:
The living room is spacious. It has large windows.
→ *It is a spacious living room with large windows.*

- 1. The kitchen is modern. It has built-in appliances.
→ _____
- 2. The bedroom is bright. It has a large window.
→ _____
- 3. The house is charming. It has a beautiful garden.
→ _____

4. The living room is elegant. It has a fireplace.

→

5. SAYING WHERE THINGS ARE

Useful expressions:

English	French
on the left	à gauche
on the right	à droite
in the middle	au milieu
next to	à côté de
opposite	en face de
behind	derrière
in front of	devant
between	entre
upstairs	à l'étage / en haut
downstairs	au rez-de-chaussée / en bas
on the ground floor	au rez-de-chaussée
on the first floor	au premier étage
at the front of the house	à l'avant de la maison
at the back of the house	à l'arrière de la maison

PRACTICE 6 – Complete the sentences.

- The kitchen is _____ the dining room.
(à côté de)
- The bathroom is _____ the two bedrooms.
(entre)
- _____ the left, you can see the living room.
- The bedrooms are _____.
(à l'étage)
- The garage is _____ the house.
(à l'avant de)
- The garden is _____ the house.
(à l'arrière de)

6. SHOWING THE VIEWER WHAT YOU CAN SEE

YOU CAN SEE...

This is a very useful expression for your house tour.

→ *You can see a large fireplace.*

→ *You can see two bedrooms upstairs.*

→ *On the right, you can see the kitchen.*

You can also say:

AS YOU CAN SEE...

→ *As you can see, this is a very spacious living room.*

PRACTICE 7 – Translate into English.

- Vous pouvez voir une grande fenêtre.
→ _____
- À gauche, vous pouvez voir la cuisine.
→ _____
- Comme vous pouvez le voir, le salon est très lumineux.
→ _____

7. LINKING YOUR IDEAS

Don't make a list of short sentences!

Instead of:

There is a kitchen. It is modern. It is bright. It has large windows.

You can say:

There is a modern and bright kitchen with large windows.

Useful linking words:

and → et

also → aussi / également

then → ensuite

next → ensuite

finally → enfin

with → avec

PRACTICE 8 – Make the description more natural.

Join the sentences using **and** / **with** / **also**.

- There is a living room. It is spacious. It is bright.
→ _____

- There is a kitchen. It is modern. It has large windows.
→ _____

- There are three bedrooms. They are spacious. They have large windows.
→ _____
