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Conversation Preparation Guides
Title: Rooms in a House
Topic: Homes
Level: Novice

Practice on Your Own

Imagine your friend is going to ask you about where you live. You need to provide him/her with some information that is descriptive of your house. (If you currently live in a dorm, think about a house or apartment that you lived in before.)

- First think of different parts of your house. How many rooms are there? What is each room called in the target language? Bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, office…

- Draw a map of your house, and put the name of each room on the map.

- Prepare questions about the rooms. What is this (while pointing at a room)? This is the bathroom. What is this? This is the kitchen.

- Prepare questions that ask about location. Where is the bedroom? The big bedroom is next to the kitchen, and the small one is next to/behind/in front of…

- Think about other houses you are familiar with, such as friends' or relatives' houses – how many rooms, how big the house is…

Practice in Conversation Session

- Read the list of rooms that you have out loud to your conversation partner to make sure you have found the right word and you can pronounce it correctly. Also ask your conversation partner to read them for you.

- Answer your conversation partner's questions about your house. How many rooms does it have? …

- Show the map of your house. Now answer the questions about the rooms and their locations. What is this? Where is the kitchen?

- Now ask your conversation partner about the house in which he/she grew up (possibly in a country where the language is spoken). At the end, you should be able to draw a map of his/her house, showing the rooms and their locations in relation to each other.

- Have you learned any cultural information about what houses are like in the country/ies where the language is spoken?