

MY FLAT

I would like to begin my story about my flat with the description of the district I live in. I live in Minsk, in Sukharevo. It is one of the newly built districts in our city. There are many beautiful houses of modern design, three schools, some shops here. There is also a nice green belt and a small pond in our district. It is not far from the centre of the city. It takes me 30 - 40 minutes to get to the Square of Independence, for example.

We moved into a new flat two years ago. It is a three-room flat on the seventh floor of a ten-storied block of flats. There are all modern conveniences in our flat: such as central heating, cold and hot running water, a telephone. The layout of the flat is very good. The rooms are large, light and cosy.

Our sitting room is quite a big room. We do not like much furniture in the house, that's why there is only a TV set, a sofa, two armchairs and a coffee-table. The walls are of a light pink colour. There is a nice carpet on the floor and some pictures on the walls. The curtains are dark pink. The window in the room is large that's why there is much light in it. Usually we watch TV in the sitting room and have dinner on special occasions. The bedroom of my parents is also very nice and cosy. There are two beds, two bedside tables, a wardrobe in it. The walls and the curtains are green in this room. I am happy to have a room for myself. You can see a sofa, a bookcase, a desk, a large and very comfortable armchair and a small coffee-table there. There is a lovely carpet on the floor and three pictures on the walls. My room is very nice and I like to spend all my time here. The walls and the curtains in my room are yellow and my room looks sunny all year round. But the real centre of our family life is our kitchen of course. This is the place of vital importance. It is most frequently visited and loved by everyone. We meet here every morning and every evening. There is a gas-stove, a refrigerator, a cupboard, a round table and four stools here. Our kitchen is not only the place we have our breakfast or supper in. We like to gather here for a cup of tea or coffee and just to talk or to discuss some problems. The hall in our flat is rather large. There is a large bookcase and a mirror in it. We have a very large library and we keep our books in the hall. There is also a wardrobe for keeping our coats here. That is all about our flat. If you have any questions, you are welcome.

- flat
- description
- district
- modern
- design
- belt
- pond
- to move into
- floor
- a ten-storied block of flats
- convenience
- central heating
- running water
- layout
- cosy
- sitting- (living-) room
- furniture
- TV set

- sofa
- armchair
- coffee-table
- wall
- pink
- carpet
- picture
- curtain
- special
- occasion
- bedroom
- bedside table
- wardrobe
- bookcase
- desk
- comfortable
- lovely
- to spend

- kitchen
- vital
- importance
- frequently
- to meet
- gas-stove
- refrigerator
- cupboard
- round table
- stool
- to gather
- to discuss
- hall
- mirror
- library
- to keep

Give the Russian for:

The description of the district I live in; one of the newly built districts in our city; it takes me 30-40 minutes to get to the Square of Independence; a three-room flat on the seventh floor of a ten-storied block of flats; the layout of the flat; on special occasions; to be happy to have a room for myself.

Give the English for:

Находится недалеко от центра города; переезжать; две кровати, две тумбочки и платяной шкаф; на полу лежит красивый ковер; настоящий жизненный центр; за чашечкой чая или кофе; платяной шкаф, где висят наши пальто.

Answer the following questions:

1. Where do you live? 2. Do you live in a private house or in a block of flats? Which is better in your opinion? 3. What place is your flat (house) situated in? 4. What can you see from the windows? 5. What floor is your flat on? 6. How many rooms have you got? What are they? 7. What modern conveniences are there in your flat? 8. Can you describe the largest (perhaps it is the only) room in your flat (house)? 9. How is your sitting-room furnished? 10. Are there pictures the wall in your flat? 11. Have you got a room of your own? Will you describe it? 12. Would you describe your kitchen? Do you often gather in your kitchen? 13. Are you happy with your flat?