

Home Economics

Family & Resource Management



Topic: Housing - Types and Features

Group level: Form Four/Form Five

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the information provided on the topic.
2. Review what you have learned by completing the worksheet.
3. Use the answer key to assess your performance.

HOUSING

A house is a building that serves the function of a home. Houses can range from simple dwellings such as the makeshift shacks in some squatting areas to complex, fixed structures of wood, brick, concrete or other materials containing plumbing, ventilation, and electrical systems. Housing is one of the basic needs and an indicator of the quality of life that a person enjoys.

There are two major classification of dwellings where families/individuals reside:

- Single family dwelling
 - A house designed for one family or person. It is a stand-alone house that does not share common walls or a roof with any other dwelling. This house is built on its own portion of land and the area around the building is for the private use of the owner.



Single family dwellings in Trinidad

- Multi family dwelling
 - A building designed to accommodate two or more families in separate housing units. The units are separated by a common wall, ceiling or floor. The entire building may be owned by an individual or body, or by individuals who may have purchased units. An apartment building (high rise, low rise or one level) is the most common type of multi family dwelling. Other examples of multi family dwellings are, duplex, town house, condominium or a house subdivided to create two or more self-contained apartments.



Apartment building owned by the
HDC Trinidad & Tobago

IMPORTANCE/BENEFITS OF HOUSING TO THE FAMILY

- Provides privacy for family members;
- Provides shelter from the elements;
- Provides a sense of safety and security;
- Provides a sense of ownership and accomplishment if it is owned;
- Provides a gathering place for family members;
- Provides a sense of comfort;
- Provides a sense of identity and creativity;
- The house is an asset if it is owned;
- Serves as the headquarters for the family unit

TYPES OF HOUSES

ONE STOREY

A property with one floor above ground is a storey. This type of property is characterized by all living spaces and bedrooms at ground level. It sits on its own property and is completely separate from other houses. Cottage and bungalow are names of one storey houses.

Advantages:

- Perfect for everybody regardless of age or ability
- Great for those who choose to avoid stairs
- Easier to evacuate
- In case of a fire, you'll be able to open any ground-floor window and crawl out to safety
- Everything remains accessible and comfortable
- There is more privacy and a cozy feeling since the house stands alone and can be fenced



One story house

FLAT OR APARTMENT

An apartment is a separate, self-contained unit with all conveniences (living, dining, and sleeping) on one floor.

An apartment building is usually owned by one person or body, and the units are then rented out to tenants. A 'flat' is the term used commonly in the United Kingdom and an 'apartment' is the American term. In our country, we also use the term apartment.

Advantages:

- Close proximity of neighbours creates a sense of safety for single women and even the guys, children and the elderly.
- It also enhances the probability of creating lifelong connections
- Makes great short-term options. While saving towards owning a home, an apartment is the best interim option.
- Perfect for anyone who wants a place to call home - Convenient for college students or even friends who chose to live as roommates.

Disadvantage:

- You may not have full authority to decorate and renovate to your personal taste



Low rise apartment building

CONDOMINIUM

A **condominium**, which is referred to as a “**condo**,” is privately owned by an individual homeowner or family in a building or community with many units. Each unit is self-contained and independent but, in addition, includes services such as restaurant, barbershop, boutique, and flower shop in the same building or within the same compound.

A condominium could be described as the middle ground between an apartment and a house. It provides similarities to apartment living, but you purchase and own it.



Advantages:

- Provides opportunities to develop new friendships with people who enjoy similar activities. Spending time in the common areas is where you have the chance to socialize with others.
- Security: equipped with surveillance cameras, gated facilities and security guards that can guarantee not just your safety but the overall security of the building as well.
- As an added security measure, visitors are also required to present valid IDs before entering the premise.
- Depending on the location, condos offer various sceneries ranging from the flickering lights of city skyline, relaxing greenery of nature parks, or breathtaking ambiance of the nearby water body.

TOWNHOUSE

A self-contained single family house attached to similar houses in a row. They are two stories or taller, usually with bedrooms upstairs and living and other facilities downstairs. Townhouse is also referred to as townhome or row house and has become popular especially where land space is limited.

Advantages:

- Perfect choice for those interested in the feel of a single-family home without all the maintenance responsibilities.
- Neighbours tend to get to know each other and feel a sense of protectiveness over each other

Disadvantage:

- The shared walls make it easy for sounds to travel.



Two story town house

DUPLEX

A duplex is defined as two separate independent family living units joined together by a single wall/carport: side by side, or separated by a floor/ceiling: one upstairs and one downstairs.



One story side by side duplex



Two story side by side duplex



Two story duplex with one family unit upstairs and one family unit downstairs

Worksheet

1. Housing is important to the needs of individuals and families. Identify three needs of the family that are satisfied from acquiring a house.

- I.
- II.
- III.

(6 marks)

2. List three types of multi family dwellings from which a small family may select suitable housing.

- I.
- II.
- III.

(3 marks)

3. What is the difference between a condo and a townhouse?

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(2 marks)

4. Jane, a single parent of two teenage children, decided to move out from her parent's home to her own. She chose an apartment building, over a one story house.

State two reasons which may have contributed to her decision to choose the apartment building.

- i)
- ii).....

(4 marks)

Total 15 marks

Answer Key

1. Needs of the family that are satisfied from acquiring a home.

- Privacy for family members;
- Shelter from the elements;
- Safety and security;
- Comfort;

(2 marks each for any three needs)
(6 marks)

2. Types of multi family dwellings are:

- Apartment complex or building
- Duplex
- Town house
- Condominium
- A house subdivided to create two or more self-contained apartments

(1 mark for each for any three types)
(3 marks)

3. The difference between a condo and a townhouse is:

- A Condo is a private residence owned by an individual in a building or community with multiple units as compared to a town house which is a home that shares one or more walls with other independently-owned units.

(1 mark for each point)
(2 marks)

4. Two reasons which may have contributed to Jane's decision to choose the apartment building.

- The close proximity of neighbours will create a sense of safety for Jane being a single parent and her children.
- An apartment makes a great short-term option while Jane saves towards owning a home.

(2 mark for each reason)
(4 marks)

Total 15 marks

13 – 15 Excellent 10 – 12 Good

9 and under – Review information and try again

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One story house

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Apartment building

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Low Rise Apartment Building

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One story side by side Duplex

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Two story side by side Duplex

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Two story upstairs & downstairs Duplex

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Condo

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