

Present Continuous: The Smith’s House

READING TEXT

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a house in the city. It is an old house but a lovely one. It is just behind the park near the library. It has about ten rooms. When you open the front door, there is a large hall with beautiful marble stairs. To the right of the hall is a small T.V. room, and to the left of the hall, there is a great living room with a fireplace and a lovely bay-window. Adjoining the living room is an elegant French style dining-room. At the back of the dining room is a modern kitchen, a small bedroom and a full bathroom. Under the staircase is the guest’s powder room. On the second floor, there are three bedrooms and the master bedroom with its dressing-room and bathroom. In the hall, there is a large walk-in closet and a full bathroom. In back of the house, on the second floor, there is a large balcony overlooking the park. In the basement, there is a playroom at the back with a bar, a radio, a phone and a T.V. set. To the right of the playroom is a two-car garage. The furnace room, a laundry room and a small bathroom are in front of the playroom.

Why is the SIMPLE PRESENT used in this reading text?

Answer the following questions.

1. What kind of closet is in the hall of the second floor? _____

2. What is to the right of the hall? _____

3. Where is the powder room? _____

4. What is the staircase made of? _____

5. What is adjoining the living room? _____

6. What do you see when you open the front door? _____

7. Is the kitchen modern? _____

8. Where is the dressing room? _____

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- 9. What is there to the right of the playroom? _____
- 10. How many bedrooms does the second floor have? _____
- 11. Where is the Smith’s home located? _____

Write a sentence with each of the following words and expressions.

- 1. **MARBLE** _____
- 2. **TO THE RIGHT OF** _____
- 3. **TO THE LEFT OF** _____
- 4. **LIVING ROOM** _____
- 5. **FIREPLACE** _____
- 6. **BAY-WINDOW** _____
- 7. **ADJOINING** _____
- 8. **ELEGANT** _____
- 9. **STYLE** _____
- 10. **DINING ROOM** _____
- 11. **AT THE BACK OF** _____
- 12. **KITCHEN** _____
- 13. **STAIRCASE** _____
- 14. **GUESTS** _____
- 15. **POWDER ROOM** _____
- 16. **WALK-IN CLOSET** _____
- 17. **BALCONY** _____
- 18. **OVERLOOKING** _____
- 19. **FURNACE** _____
- 20. **SIMPLE** _____

HOW ABOUT YOU?

1. Do you live in an apartment or a house? _____
2. Describe the inside of where you are staying. _____
3. What about the outside of the house? _____