

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. ACCOMODATION. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Is there anything you would like to change about your current accommodation?

I currently live in a nice, slightly small flat in the east of Seoul, in the suburbs, and I'm quite happy there, but if I could change one thing, I'd probably change the size of the flat because I have a daughter. So there's three of us in our family, and it's a little on the small side. If possible, I'd love to move to a bigger flat so we can live a little more comfortably.

Part 2. What type of accommodation do you prefer when you travel?

This has changed, but nowadays I prefer, hotels. The reason for this is I really value my sleep when we're traveling so that I can do more things during the day and I find that hotels provide the best comfort and sort of soundproofing so that I'm able to sleep deeply and I wake up feeling fresh in the morning. So hotels.

Part 2. Describe the accommodation you live in right now.

I'd like to tell you about my flat in the east of Seoul. We moved there, seven years ago, and we chose that flat because it was a reasonable size. It's a nice neighbourhood. The location is good and, you know, in Seoul, it's very accessible to other areas of Seoul, particularly my office here and, it was affordable. Most importantly, the price was quite reasonable. It's our first house as a family. So that's why we chose there and we've been living there happily for seven years.

So let me tell you a little more about this house. It's got three rooms, three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, toilet, you know, very typical flat in Seoul. It's a little on the small size now that I have a child. So we are thinking about moving, but I think the best feature of this house is that it looks over the Han River. The Han River is a river that goes through the center of Seoul, and we are on the east side and out of our window you can see the Han River and the sun. If you're lucky, you get a lovely sunset that sets over the river. So that's definitely the best feature. It's also, as I said, affordable and the utilities particularly are affordable in this place. So for me personally, it's been a wonderful place to start out our journey and start out on the property ladder and I hope to, you know, in the future, move to somewhere bigger and perhaps, more importantly, with some better soundproofing. This place, the walls are a little bit thin.

VOCABULARY

accessible (adjective) – easy for people to get to or use.

deep sleep (noun) – a time when you are sleeping very heavily and not easy to wake up.

feature (noun) – an important or special part of something.

property ladder (noun) – the idea of buying a small home first, then slowly buying bigger or better ones.

reasonable (adjective) – fair and not too expensive or too much.

soundproofing (noun) – something that stops sound from going in or out of a place.

suburb (noun) – a place where people live that is just outside a city.

thin (adjective) – not thick or wide.

typical (adjective) – normal or usual for most people or things.

utilities (noun) – basic services in a home like water, gas, and electricity.