

WHAT'S IN YOUR YARD?

✧ Lead-in

01

Work in a small group. Read sentences 1 to 8
Decide: Is each sentence about a House or an Apartment?

1. It has a big green lawn and a backyard. _____
2. You have noisy neighbors behind your wall. _____
3. You must cut the grass and clean the snow outside. _____
4. It is close to downtown, supermarkets, and buses. _____
5. You have a long private driveway and a garage. _____
6. It is small, but it is cheap to heat in winter. _____
7. There is a lovely porch and a mailbox at the entrance. _____
8. You can't have a big dog or make loud noises. _____

• Do you prefer to live in a house or an apartment? Why?



✧ Vocabulary

02

Look at this house and tell what you like or dislike about it?
Would you love to live there? Why?



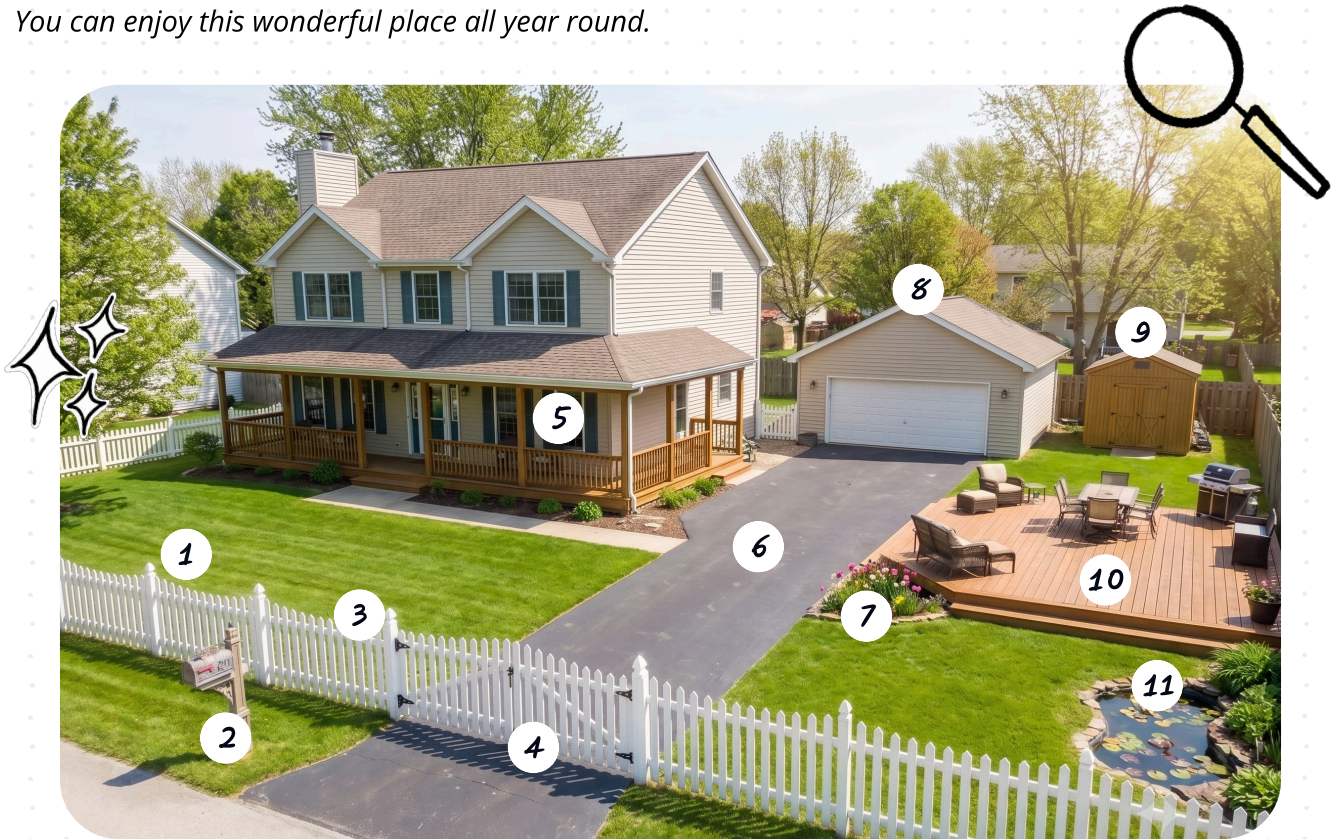
Read the description of the house in the photo and match the highlighted words with the pictures.

Welcome to this beautiful family home!

The house has a big green **lawn**. Perfect to play for children and pets. You can see a lovely **porch** with wooden chairs. It is a great place to relax and have coffee in the morning. You can also see a long **driveway** with a **garage** for one car. This is very useful during cold winters. The house also has a **shed** where you can keep your bike, boxes or other things that you don't need..

If you love nature and picnics, you can enjoy BBQ on a wonderful wooden **deck** with outdoor dining furniture. The house has a beautiful **pond** with goldfish. You can enjoy colourful **flowerbeds** all around the area.

A wooden **fence** and a **gate** give the home privacy. You can find the **mailbox** at the entrance. You can enjoy this wonderful place all year round.



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11. _____

4. _____

8. _____

Pronunciation

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Lawn /lɔ:n/ | 6. Shed /ʃɛd/ | 11. Pond /pɒnd/ |
| 2. Porch /pɔ:rtʃ/ | 7. Garage /gə'rɑ:ʒ/ | 12. Grill /grɪl/ |
| 3. Fence /fɛns/ | 8. Deck /dɛk/ | 13. Backyard furniture |
| 4. Gate /geɪt/ | 9. Mailbox /'meɪl.bɒks/ | /'bæk.jɑ:rd 'fɜ:r.nɪ.tʃər/ |
| 5. Driveway /'draɪv.weɪ/ | 10. Flowerbed /'flaʊ.ər.bɛd/ | |

Write the correct word in each blank. Use the words from the box.

*driveway, deck, porch, gate, shed, lawn, flowerbed, fence, mailbox, pond,
grill, backyard furniture, garage*

- People park their car on the _____.
- The family eats outside on the _____.
- You can store old toys in the _____.
- There are beautiful flowers in the _____.
- The wooden _____ around the yard is brown.
- The letter carrier puts letters in the _____.
- The ducks are swimming in the _____.
- Canadians cook burgers on the _____ in summer.
- We sit on the _____ and drink coffee every day.
- My sister does yoga on the _____ every morning.
- We bought new _____. Two chairs and a table.
- We cook burgers on the _____.
- Please close the _____ after you leave the yard.



Unscramble the Sentences

- Example: children / the / on / lawn / playing / are / The
The children are playing on the lawn

- morning / coffee / drinks / porch / She / the / on _____
- black / neighbour's / is / fence / The _____
- gate / the / closed / carefully / Tom _____

4. driveway / bicycles / Two / are / the / in _____
5. in / shed / cat / hiding / The / is / the _____
6. garage / cleaning / my / is / brother / the _____
7. deck / friends / talking / Our / are / on / the _____
8. mailbox / newspaper / the / The / is / in _____
9. flowerbed / planted / flowers / Mom / the / in _____
10. fish / pond / small / There / are / in / the _____
11. grill / sausages / cooking / Uncle / the / on / is _____
12. backyard furniture / comfortable / very / Their / is _____



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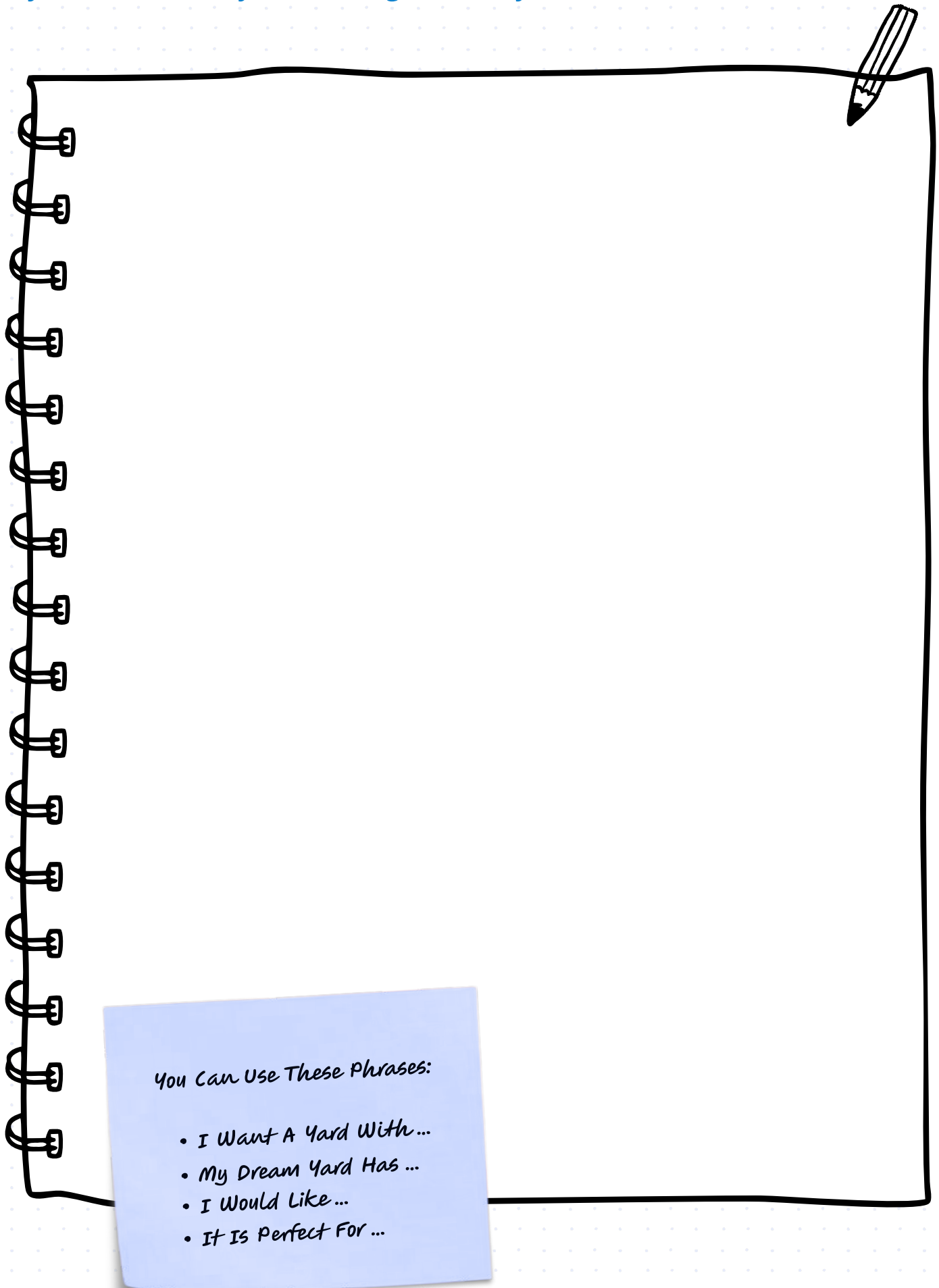
Work in pairs. One student names the objects, and the other points them out. Then the second student does the same.



Notes:



Imagine your dream yard. You have 3 minutes to draw it. Then, describe your dream yard in turns with the new words. When you finish, check your drawings. Are they the same or different?



You Can Use These Phrases:

- I Want A Yard With...
- My Dream Yard Has ...
- I Would Like ...
- It Is Perfect For ...

Extra task. Read some facts about Canadian homes.
Replace the words in bold with the correct word from the box.

driveway, deck, porch, gate, shed, lawn, flowerbed, fence, mailbox, pond,
 grill, backyard furniture, garage

Example:

1. In Canada, many houses have **a grass area around the house**. People cut it every week in summer. -> In Canada, many houses have **a lawn**.

2. Many people sit on **a covered area at the front of the house** and watch the street.

3. Most yards in Canada have **a wooden or metal structure/barrier around them**. It hides what is in the yard.

4. Every yard has **a small door in the fence**. You open it to come in and out.

5. Canadian houses often have **a long road for the car from the street to the house**. In winter, people **shovel** snow from it.

6. Many backyards have **a small building to keep things or tools**. It is very popular in Canada.

7. In winter, people keep their car in **a closed building near the house**.

8. Many Canadians have **a wooden platform at the back of the house**. They eat and relax there in summer.

9. People get their letters or documents in **a box for letters near the road**.

10. Canadian gardens often have **an area of ground with flowers** near the house. It looks beautiful in spring.

11. Some backyards have **a small area of water**. People put fish and plants in it.

12. On weekends, families cook burgers on **an outdoor cooking device** in the backyard. It is a big tradition here.

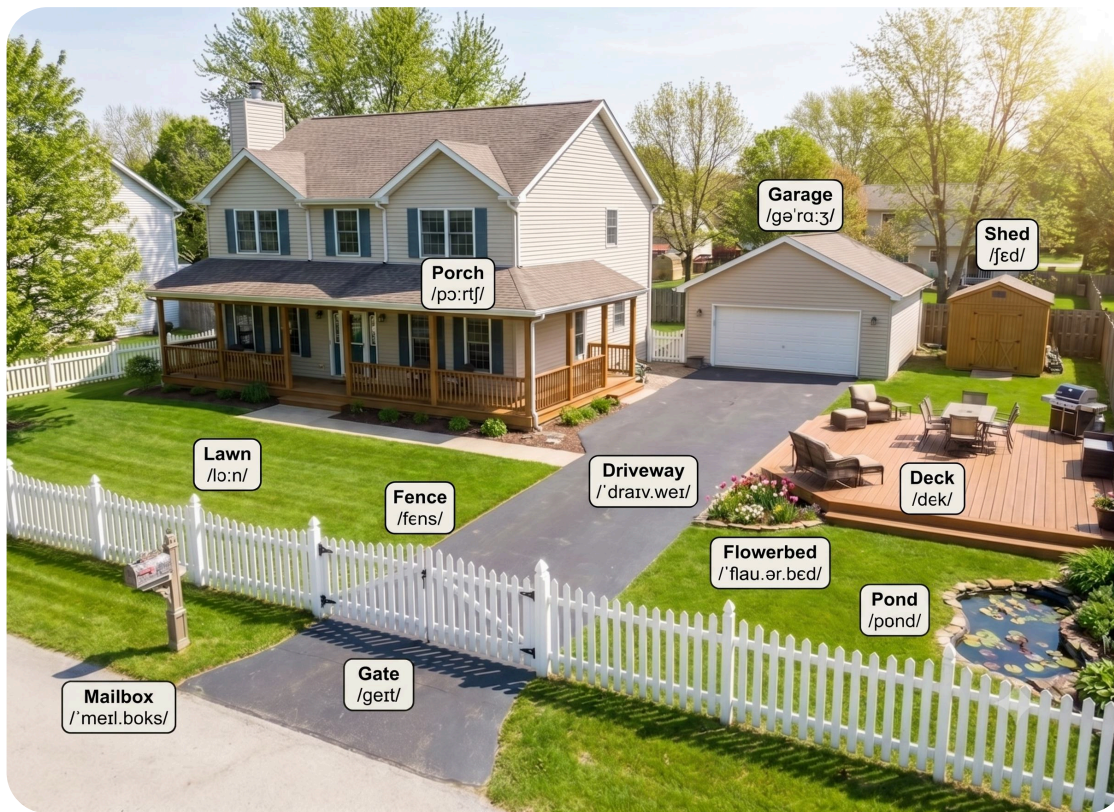
13. Most Canadian backyards have **outdoor tables and chairs**. Families use them for eating outside.



It's snowy. So the man is shovelling the snow.

✦ Answer Key

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| 1. driveway | 4. flowerbed | 7. pond | 10. lawn |
| 2. deck | 5. fence | 8. grill | 11. backyard furniture |
| 3. shed | 6. mailbox | 9. porch | 12. grill |
| | | | 13. gate |

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| 1. She drinks coffee on the porch every morning. | 7. Our friends are talking on the deck. |
| 2. The neighbour's fence is black. | 8. The newspaper is in the mailbox. |
| 3. Tom carefully closed the gate. | 9. Mom planted flowers in the flowerbed. |
| 4. Two bicycles are in the driveway. | 10. There are small fish in the pond. |
| 5. The cat is hiding in the shed. | 11. Uncle is cooking sausages on the grill. |
| 6. My brother is cleaning the garage. | 12. Their backyard furniture is very comfortable. |

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