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| utility room | usually just for washing machine, freezer, etc. |
| shed | small building separated from the house usually for storing garden tools |
| attic | room in the roof space of a house (could be lived in) |
| loft | space in the roof of a house usually used only for storage |
| basement | room below ground level, windows, for living/working |
| landing | flat area at the top of a staircase |
| hall | open area as you come into a house |
| cellar | room below ground level, no windows, used for storage |
| porch | covered area before an entrance-door |
| pantry / larder | large cupboard (usually big enough to walk into) for storing food |
| terrace patio | paved area between house and garden for sitting and eating, etc. |
| study | a room for reading/writing/studying in |
| detached house | not joined to any other house |
| semi-detached house informal: semi- | joined to one other house |
| terraced house | joined to several houses to form a row |
| cottage | small house in the country or in a village |
| bungalow | house with only one storey (no upstairs) |
| bedsit | bedroom and living room all in one |
| villa | large house with big gardens or a rented house in a holiday resort/tourist area |
| time-share | holiday flat or house where you have the right to live one or two weeks a year |
| squat | an empty building where people start living without the owner's permission |
| hovel | a very small, dirty house or flat in a bad (or run down) condition |
| furnished unfurnished | with or without furniture |
| penthouse | a luxury flat at the top of a building |

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| council / social housing | rented accommodation provided by the state for people who have low incomes |
| council estate | a large group of council housing |
| high-rise (flats) tower blocks | flats in a tall, modern building with a lot of floors |
| granny flat | a set of rooms for an elderly person, connected to a relative's house |
| Idioms | |
| get on like a house on fire | get on very well with someone |
| a household word/name | something/someone everyone knows |
| on the house | free of charge |
| home truths | information that is true but not pleasant or welcome |
| nothing to write home about | nothing special |
| hit home | become fully understood or fully felt |
| make yourself at home | make yourself feel comfortable in someone else's home |
| bring the house down | be extremely popular with the public |
| a house of cards | very unstable |
| eat somebody out of house and home | eat an enormous amount of food |