DESIGN FOR LIVING

Preparation time 30 minutes

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn how to use want and need. Practice talking about design. Learn design vocabulary.

Activity One : **Discussion**

1. Who decorated your home ?
2. How would you describe your home's style ?
3. Which decoration in your house most reflects your personality ? Why ?
4. What is your favourite line that Ikea sells ? What style is it ?
5. What is your least favourite line that Ikea sells ? What style is it ?

Activity Two :**Match the definitions to the following design terms** :

Layered	A design that adds a sense of humour or makes someone smile
Edited	A style that is usually dark with layers of texture
Whimsical	Using different levels to create interest
Moody	Well thought-out ; minimal
Reimagined	An arrangement or combination of colours
Timeless	Expensively styled
Color scheme	A space that has been reinterpreted
Luxurious	A style that stays away from trends

Activity Three : Matching

◆ *What style are the two rooms furnished in?*

Shabby-Chic **Farmhouse** **Industrial** **Scandinavian** **Bohemian** **Nautical**





Activity Four : **Video Comprehension**

Questions before the video :

1/ A new trend is sweeping the nation in the USA-- tiny houses. Have you heard of this trend ?

2/Do you think you would enjoy living in a home of 400 square feet or less ? (400 square feet= 37 meters squared).

Now watch the video and answer the questions. Don't try to understand every word, focus on the context and what you are seeing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2Z6YwQVPJk

1/ How much was the woman's budget for her tiny house ?
2/ What were the different styles of the tiny homes ? What were the color schemes ?
3/ Which home did she pick ? What compromises did she make ?
4/ Do you agree with the woman's decision ?

Activity Five : **Wants vs. Needs**

When we are looking for a home, there are things that we NEED and other things we WANT. Things that we NEED are essential. Things that we WANT are nice to have. We are going to imagine your dream home. Choose from the list the things you would need/want. Add anything extra that you do not see on the list !

*In my dream home, I need.....
*In my dream home, I want.....

- Bathtub
- Shower
- Jacuzzi
- Garage
- Swimming pool
- Open kitchen
- Spacious dining room
- Guest bedroom
- Child's bedroom
- Garden
- Terrace/balcony
- Wine cave
- Attic
- Games room
- Office

Activity Six : Time to design

Give suggestions how you can design for the people in the following situations :

1/ A couple is having a baby soon. They don't know the gender of the baby. How should they decorate their nursery ?

2/ A little girl wants to redecorate her room in a princess style. What can you suggest for her princess palace ?

3/ A teenage girl is into goth culture and she hates the current style of her bedroom which is light and airy. What can she do to express her inner darkness ?

4/ Your best friend is redecorating their living room. They want to have a vintage vibe (circa 1950s). What can they add to their place to make it a blast from the past ?

Activity Seven : Trends in Design

Read the texts.

Vision Boards
Have you heard of Vision Boards ? It's often used for people who are trying to design their dream homes. They collect pictures to give them inspiration for their designs. Vision boards can be a helpful tool to imagine the layout of your home. People also use vision boards to imagine their ideal life ! Oprah Winfrey swears that by imaging and visualising the things you want in life, the universe will provide these things.

Feng Shui
Feng Shui is a Chinese philosophical system of harmonising everyone with the surrounding environment. Feng Shui (pronounced "fung shway") examines how the placement of things and objects within it affect the energy flow in your living environment, and how these objects interact with and influence your personal energy flow. Your personal energy flow affects how you think and act, which in turn affects how well you perform and succeed in your personal and professional life.



Minimalism
Minimalist design can be identified by a framework that is simple in nature. Only necessary elements for functionality are included in the design. Minimalist design is taking over because it just works. The style is so simple that users don't have to think about it. (Even though it requires quite a bit of thought and planning from designers to create something that looks so easy.)

Open Plan Living
The term "open plan" brings to mind images of grand, large spaces – but that's far from the reality for most of us. Instead, open-plan areas often combine multiple purposes in a space that's only really large enough for one functions.On the upside, open-plan living is great for families in particular, as you can all do different things while hanging out together. It also creates an illusion of space that many people prefer over navigating a maze of small, separate rooms.

Questions :

1/ Have you participated in any of these trends ? If not, which one appeals to you most ?
2/ Do you believe that homes have an 'energy' ?
3/ Is functionality more important that beauty ?
4/ Do you prefer an open plan space ? What could be a disadvantage ?

Activity Eight : Role-play
With your partner or teacher, create a dialogue between a couple who cannot decide on what style house they want. Defend your point of view !

