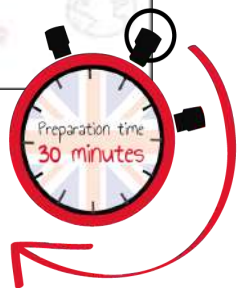
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The Club of Rome

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn and use different phrasal verbs, idioms and modal verbs.
Listening comprehension and discussion.



Activity One – Consider the use of space

1. What size do you consider your appartment or house to be?
2. Do you want a bigger or smaller appartment or house?
3. What do you think about living in a really big house? What would be the advantages and disadvantages?
4. Do you think that something should be done to regulate the sizing of houses? (Governmental laws)

Activity Two – Discussion

Which country uses 'McMansions' as a building term?

Explanation of a 'McMansion': In suburban communities, McMansion is a pejorative term for a large "mass-produced" dwelling, constructed with low-quality materials and craftsmanship, using a mishmash of architectural symbols to invoke connotations of wealth or taste, executed via poorly thought-out exterior and interior design. Typically found in the United States.

Have a look at this link to a fun blog: ***McMansion Hel***
http://mcmansionhell.com/post/166792621651/50-states-of-mcmansion-hell-top-10-wake-county

Open discussion:
1. What do you think about McMansion ?
2. Would you want to live in one?
3. What could the possible advantages or disadvantages be?



Activity three – The Big Tiny
https://inhabitat.com/interview-tiny-house-pioneer-dee-williams-discusses-living-large-in-84-square-feet-in-her-ne

Determined to make a change after a heart attack and life-altering diagnosis of cardiomyopathy at the age of 40, Williams decided to follow the example and house plans of Jay Shafer, a leader and major founder of the modern DIY tiny house movement. After three months of construction in 2004, Williams completed her miniature 84 square foot home for just $10,000 and parked it behind her friend's house in Portland, OR. Powered by a photovoltaic system and built with numerous green and salvaged materials, the house allows Williams to live so lightly on the land that her utility bills average at less than $10 a month. We had the chance to talk to Williams about her tiny house and memoir shortly after the conclusion of her "The Big Tiny" book tour.

Extra listening: See the interview on YouTube (10minutes): Dee Williams, "The Big Tiny" - September 24, 2014 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dEHr8rPdvs

Activity four – Video
'This Big Modern Tiny House in Pure Luxury - Full Tour in 4K (6:26)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhFTBXCWGNc

Listen for the phrasal verbs, vocabulary and expressions, did you hear them ?

rooftop	closets	cluttered
deck	drawers	built in
liveable	vents	check out
spacious	fresh air	hang out
double bed	functional	
storage	open concept	

Expressions
to double as
kind of
feels like

Activity five – More of a challenge
Now finish the video and listen for new vocabulary or expressions.

Questions:
1. Where was this video filmed ?
2. Would you like to live in this type of house?

Activity six – Design
With a partner, design your own tiny house

- Write a dialogue : Giving us a tour.
- Draw the house or draw the 'floor plan'.
- Use some more phrasal verbs in your tour
  - pull out
  - folds in
  - folds out
  - leads into



Activity Seven - Role-play
What is the Club of Rome? (read to find out)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Club_of_Rome

The Club of Rome describes itself as "an organisation of individuals who share a common **concern for** the future of humanity and strive to make a difference. They propose solutions through scientific analysis, communication and advocacy. "**Founded in** 1968 at Accademia dei Lincei in Rome, Italy, the Club of Rome consists of current and former heads of state, UN bureaucrats, high-level politicians and government officials, diplomats, scientists, economists, and business leaders from around the globe. It stimulated considerable public attention **in** 1972 with the first report to the Club of Rome, ***The Limits to Growth***. Since 1 July 2008 the organization has been based in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Imagine that you and your colleagues are members of 'The Club of Rome'
- Write a policy for regulating the way people use living space and construction.
- Use modal verbs: should, must, have to, will
- Present your policy to the class
- If there is more than one group, vote on the best policy (the teacher could be the decider)

