

# ➤ Cue Card

**Describe the home of someone you know well, and that you often visit**

**You should say:**

- **Whose home it is**
- **How often you go there**
- **What it is like**
- **And explain how you feel about the home**



**Please Note:**

**Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.**

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If something is **(just) a stone's throw (away) from** another place, it is very near and easy to reach

If you **pop in** to see somebody, you visit them in their home for a short period of time

We use **between you and me** to introduce information which we wouldn't want everyone to hear

A **dilapidated** building is in a very poor state/condition

If you **replace** windows, you take the old ones out and put new ones in

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**Between you and me**, her house is rather **dilapidated**. The windows need **replacing**. They rattle whenever a lorry passes. All the doors creak and most of them don't close properly. The bathroom gets mouldy during the winter, and the whole place could do with redecorating. The shower leaks, the washing machine only works if you give it a kick, and the electric is dodgy – nothing happens when you switch some of the lights on. Also, slightly embarrassingly, it stinks of dogs. Granny has got 5 of them, and they constantly run round barking, and occasionally peeing on the carpet.

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If windows **rattle**, they make a noise caused by quickly repeating sounds, because they make small movements. This is because they are old or not well fitted

If a door **creaks**, it makes a long and low sound when it moves

A **mouldy/moldy** bathroom has walls covered in a green or grey growth which occurs in warm, wet air

to **redecorate** = to cover the inside walls of a house with paint or wallpaper, maybe because the old paint/paper looks bad

If a shower **leaks**, water escapes from a hole or crack in a pipe, and goes to a place where it should not go

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If something is **dodgy**, you cannot have confidence in it and it is likely to go wrong

If something **stinks**, it has an extremely unpleasant smell

When a dog makes a noise, we call it **barking**

To **pee/wee** is an acceptable word to describe going to the toilet to urinate

A **messy** person is untidy and not well organized

If things are **scattered**, they are often on the floor (where they should not be) and covering a large area

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If you say that you **wouldn't be seen dead** somewhere, you mean that going to this place is something you never want to do

the **highlight** = the best, most interesting or most exciting part of something

If you **don't give something a moment's/second thought**, this thing does not bother you or does not worry you

to **beam** = to have a big smile, because you are very happy or very confident

If you give somebody a **hug**, you hold them close to your body with your arms, usually to express liking or love

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