# PVP Conversation Group – Meeting Juli 2024

**Topic: Habitation**

to live*: leben, wohnen*, to live out: *außerhalb wohnen / pendeln*

to stay with someone / to stay at someone's: *mit jemandem zusammen wohnen / bei jemandem wohnen*

to dwell: *wohnen, hausen, zeitweilig wohnen*

to reside: *wohnen, seinen Wohnsitz haben, residieren*

Do you **belong** here? *Wohnen Sie hier?*

**Housing types**

Do you live in a **flat**? Ground floor, upper floor or **on the top floor**?

We are looking for **a two bedroom flat**.

The flat is **in need of renovation**.

Flats with a **balcony** are particularly popular.

Do you have a good relationship with your **landlord**? Do you have a **fair rental agreement / contract**?

A **security deposit** of two month's rent is required.

The rent includes all **utility costs /additional costs**.

In Germany most families want a **single-family home** or at least **a semi-detached house**.

The **terraced house / townhouse** is a tradition in British cities.

In Köln-Porz we have some large **apartment blocks / blocks of flats**.

The house next to ours **is to let** if you are interested.

Our house has a **separate apartment / granny flat**.

Some **homeowners** build an **extension.**

My mother is moving into **a nursing home /retirement home.**


**Furnishing**

Furnishing is a matter of taste.

Which **interior design style** do you prefer?

Traditional, modern, farmhouse, minimalist, bohemian, shabby chic, hollywood glam, industrial, scandinavian, mediterranean, asian zen… interior design?

Which of your **pieces of furniture** do you like best?

Do you have a **fitted kitchen / built-in kitchen**?


**Housing crisis**

There has been a **housing shortage / housing crisis** in Germany and especially in large cities for years. **Housing construction** has been stagnating for years.

Rents are continually rising. In Munich, even adult working people have **to live in a shared apartment**. *Wohngemeinschaft*

**Real estate prices** have increased in recent years – fewer and fewer people can afford a **property**.

How much **living space per person** is appropriate today?