



## 03 – VOCABULARY: HOUSES - 1



### TYPES OF HOUSES

**detached house:** not joined to any other house

**semi-detached house:** semi-(informal): joined to one other house

**terraced house:** joined to several houses to form a row

**bungalow:** a house with only one storey (no upstairs)

**flat:** a set of rooms on one floor of a building (apartment – US)

**studio flat:** a small flat that has one main room

**block of flats:** a building with a number of flats in it

**cottage:** old and attractive, and usually found in the country

**mansion –** a large, impressive house

**villa:** a large, often luxurious house (especially in southern Europe)

You probably already know the names of most rooms and locations in a typical home. Here are some less common ones and what they are for:

**master bedroom:** the largest, most important bedroom

**utility room:** usually just for the washing machine, freezer, etc.

**shed:** small building usually for storing garden tools

**attic/loft:** space in the roof of a house used for storing things

**cellar:** room below ground level, no windows, used for storing things

**basement:** room below ground level, with windows, for living/working

**landing:** flat area at the top of a staircase

**hallway:** open area as you come into a house

**porch:** covered area before an entrance door

**patio:** paved area between house and garden for sitting and eating, etc.

**drive:** a short road leading from the street to the house or garage; you can drive/park on it