

## **Modern Homes**

Technology in the home is no longer strange to the majority of people in the world. At one time, people would have had to clean by hand – sweeping the floor, mopping, washing dishes, and washing and drying clothes – which would take a lot of time. Cooking meals was done only with a charcoal stove. Entertainment would be listening to music on a record player or watching a small black and white TV. News could only be heard through the radio or TV or by reading newspapers.

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Now, a typical modern home, such as a villa, penthouse, apartment, or condominium, has modern equipment. A flat-screen TV might be wirelessly connected to the internet to stream movies, and games consoles allow you to play games with people in other countries. Heating is with modern environmentally friendly central heating – radiators powered by gas or electricity. Manual work to clean the house is especially helped by technology, with robot vacuum cleaners, washing machines, spin dryers, and dishwashers. The time saved with all this modern technology allows much more time for study, family, and yourself.

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You need to wash knives and forks. What machine can you use?

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Record players are used to listen to CDs; is that correct?

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What is a condominium?