

**Describe an ideal house you would like to have (理想的房子)**

**You should say:**

**Where it would be**

**What it is like**

**What special features it has**

**And explain why it would be your ideal house**

又是虚拟语气，表示意愿和想象的一个主题！

知识点：

形容家的一些表达：

- **my own space** 我自己的空间
- **man cave** 专门属于男人的那种拿来玩儿游戏、健身、抽烟喝酒的空间，“男人的洞穴”。在欧美国家，一家人住在 **house** 里，往往地下室会被做成 **man cave**。家里的男主人会呆在这个空间里，自娱自乐，自由自在
- **girl cave/ lady cave/ woman cave** 这几年新出来的词，对应 **man cave**
- **time alone** 独自的时间

**I really enjoy my time alone in this house.**

- **take some “me” time** 花点时间陪自己
- **This house is filled with essence of thing I enjoy, from movies and books, to music and art.** 这间房间充满了我喜欢的事物的精髓
- **light-filled/ bright** 阳光明亮的
- **cozy/ comfortable** 温馨舒适的
- **welcoming/ inviting** 舒适亲切的

**The house feels welcoming and inviting.** 这个房间很舒适亲切

- **multifunctional/ versatile** 多功能的房间
- **a retreat corner** 一个让精神得到疗愈的角落
- **my sanctuary** 我的圣殿，心灵的避难所

- **calming/ therapeutic** 令人平静的、有疗愈效果的
- **tranquil/ soothing** 同上，令人平静的、安抚人心的

Ok, my ideal house would be located in a coastal city where you can have access to the beach, like, Qingdao, or Sanya, but not right next to the beach. I know, many people would love to have a beach house, but I don't. For me, it's too humid to live at the beach, it's not good for my health, and also, it will cost a lot of money to maintain/take care of the house (维护照顾房子). Besides, normally there'll be a lot of things going on (很多活动) near the beach. I just want to avoid the hustle and bustle (忙忙碌碌), and have my inner peace (内心的平静).

I would like to have the house located in the woods (树林里), surrounded by tall and green trees. I love vegetation (植被). All the trees can clean the air, and fresh up the environment.

And, in terms of the look of the house, I don't really care about the façade (外立面), so it doesn't have to be super fancy-looking (看起来华丽丽的样子). I enjoy a cozy cottage look (温馨度假小屋风), so I would want this house to have a cottage style to it. For me the most important thing is what it features inside (里面有什么特点).

First, I love natural light, so I would want each room to be filled with sunlight. Each room needs to have big floor-to-ceiling windows (落地窗) to let the sun get in. And then, since I'm a foodie (吃货) and love cooking, I'll spend a lot of time in my kitchen. I would like to have an open-concept kitchen (开放式概念的厨房), it would be an all-white kitchen (全白厨房), a little bit vintage style (有一点小复古风), and there would be a big island (岛台) in the middle, with a beautiful marble countertop (大理石台面). It would be a place where all my family members could cook together and have meals together.

如果不爱做饭，喜欢游戏：

And then, since I'm a gamer (游戏玩家) and love entertainment, I would like to have a recreational room (娱乐室), AKA "man cave" (男人的老穴) / girl cave. There, I would put my X-box, my big TV, and two giant speakers (音箱), and also a very big and comfy sofa bed (沙发床) where I could sink in (陷进去) and just play games all night. And I would like to put a pool table (台球桌) next to the game station, so that I can invite my friends over for some games. What else, I might also put a bar in my man cave, so when my friends are with me, I can host a little party there.

Oh, another thing (还有一件事儿), I wish I could (我很希望) have a home library (家庭图书馆) where I can put tons of books on the book shelves, you know, just like those you see in the movies. I might not read all of them, but they definitely look pretty cool. I would have a reading corner/nook in the room with a beautiful yellow fabric armchair and a reading lamp. I would spend a lot of time snuggling up (蜷缩) with a good book in that chair, reading and enjoying my time alone.

What's more, I would love to have a big back yard where I could grow some plants and flowers, and the whole back yard would be filled with a sweet scent/gragrance (芳香) of different flowers in spring time.

(这一段先是总结描述，后是分区域讨论，各个空间都可以说一点。不需要说这么多，挑及两个亮点空间说就好了)

Yeh, I would love to live in a nice place like what I've just described. It would be in a great location and everything would be designed to my liking. It would be my sanctuary/ my retreat where I could enjoy the tranquility in life and quality time with my family. Thank you!

### Part3:

1. What are the most common architectural styles in Chinese cities?

I'd say that the **MOST common architectural style in China is this modern and international urban style** (现代的、国际化的都市风格) . I mean, those **high-rise buildings and skyscrapers** (摩天大厦) you see in most big cities in China. To me, **it makes sense** (是合理的) because China is a such a **densely populated** (人口密度大) country and having tall buildings is one of the solutions for creating more living space for citizens. **But it doesn't mean that** (但这并不代表) you cannot see any trace of traditional architecture, no, traditional Chinese architecture styles, such as **temples, pagodas and courtyard houses** (庙宇、宝塔、四合院) can still be found in many cities, especially in those historic districts. For example, in Beijing, you still can see so many **courtyard houses** in those old town areas near **Forbidden City** (故宫) . Additionally, Western architectural styles, such as **Gothic style** (哥特) , can be quite common in some Chinese cities with a **colonial history** (殖民历史) . Like, Tianjin and Fujian Province. So, yeh, we have a **variety of architectural styles**. (罗列)

## 2. What's the difference between an apartment and a house?

**Regarding the space**, normally, houses are bigger than apartments. People who choose to live in a house tend to be the ones who want to have more **living space**, for example, **a growing family** (正在生长壮大家庭) . On the other hand, apartments are **smaller in size**, so they tend to attract **younger people**, such as **university students** or **young professionals** (年轻的职场人) , who are looking for a more **affordable and convenient** living option in the city. And then, in terms of **maintaining and cleaning** (打理和清洁) , **generally speaking**, apartments are smaller and have less **outdoor space**, which can make them easier to clean and maintain. Whereas, houses are larger and have multiple floors, and outdoor space, it's a **lot more work** (工作量更大) . But for some people, **the biggest pro/perk** (最大好处) of living in a house is that you GET TO have a yard or a garden. Having trees, plants and flowers in your garden or yard is a very **attractive concept** (吸引人的理念) . Many older people love the idea. **And then,**

location is another important factor that can vary between apartments and houses. Apartments are often located in urban areas, with easier access to public transportation, shops, and restaurants. Houses, on the other hand, are often situated in suburban areas, which can offer more space, privacy, and a quieter environment. BUT, it's not as convenient as living in the city. And finally, in terms of privacy, apartments are not that sound proof. So, sometimes, you can hear what your neighbours are doing because you share the same wall. But you won't be sharing any walls with anybody when you live in a house. (分类讨论) (不需要都

说!!!! 我只是给你列了所有我能想到的, 太长了, 考试时候说不完的)

3. What's the difference between living in a countryside and living in the city?

In the countryside, everything is slower and more relaxed. You can live in a big house with a big backyard, and enjoy a stronger connection with nature (和大自然的连接) and a sense of community (社区感). It's quieter with cleaner air. There are plenty of outdoor activities, you can go hiking, fishing and camping in nature. But the downsides (缺点) are, at least in my opinion, there're fewer people, so fewer cultural activities and less access to public transportation and amenities (享受性质的配套设施), like bars, restaurants, cafes and shops. Meanwhile, living in the city is convenient, fast-paced, and with more job opportunities. If you need to find a job, go to the city, not the other way around (而不是反方向). For most young people, their careers are their everything. Their worlds revolve around (围绕着) their jobs. That's why most young people choose the city over the countryside. And also, living in the city is fun and exciting. There's always something going on (总是有事情有活动) in the city. You have a variety of options when it comes to social life. Go to parties, watch some shows, meeting new people, much more vibrant (有活力的). You can have easy access to public transport, restaurants, malls, schools and hospitals. You can have everything delivered to your door in the city. So it's definitely much more convenient. (对比区别讨论)

4. What are the advantages of the facilities of the apartment and the facilities of the house?

I really don't know how to answer this question. In China, if you live in an apartment, you don't really have great facilities or amenities. I know that in western countries (西方国家), apartments or condos (公寓) typically come with (自带) shared facilities/amenities (共享的设施) such as gyms, swimming pools, and laundry rooms, which is really thoughtful and convenient. But in China, we don't really have that culture. We might have a community centre (社区中心) with tennis courts and libraries, but that's not common, only in super fancy communities. On the other hand, I've never lived in a house, so I don't have any knowledge in that part. I know that houses usually offer more storage space, outdoor space and gardens. They also often come with garages and attics (车库和阁楼). But I don't know anything else other than that (除此之外). (对比区别讨论)

5. What difficulties do people have living in the city?

High cost of living (高生活成本), traffic jams, air pollution, small living spaces, stress and loneliness (maybe). (Loneliness in the sense that you live by yourself in your small apartment without really knowing your neighbours, as everybody is busy living their own lives.) Those are the major problems of living in the city. I guess that's why many people would choose to move out into the suburban areas when they start growing a family. (罗列)

6. What can be done to reduce stress of city life?

I find it really helpful to stay both socially and physically active (社交、生理上都保持积极). Doing sports, working out, practicing yoga, connecting with nature, these are all great stress relievers (减压神器). And meeting up with friends, bonding and spending quality time together, having heart-to-heart conversations (交心聊天) and talking about your issues (聊聊自己的问题), also help let off the steam (减压). In addition, eat healthy and sleep well is also key. As the saying goes (就像那句话说), "your body is your temple" (你的身体是你的神殿). You need to take care of your temple. Maintain a healthy diet, get all the nutrients (营养元素) your body

needs, rest fully and properly, when your body feels great, your feel great.  
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