Move the furniture

The objective

Listen to the teacher, put the furniture in the correct place, then say where it is.

What do I need?

House illustration: page 4. Print one per table.
Furniture sheet: page 3. Print one per table.
Scissors: one pair per table, or cut the pieces out beforehand.
An envelope: one per table, to store the eight pieces.

How do I set up the room?

1. Put the same house illustration on every table.
2. Give each group one complete set of eight furniture pieces.
3. Keep the pieces beside the house until the listening begins.

Print pages 3 and 4 on A4 at 100% / Actual size.
To make a larger set, enlarge BOTH pages to A3 at the same scale.

The eight movable items

Bed, couch, table, chair, lamp, cupboard, bookshelf and wardrobe. The bath, toilet, washbasin and kitchen bench stay in the house picture.

Cut along the dotted boxes. Learners can trim closer to the pictures if they want more space. Keep the house illustration uncut.



Example: each group shares a house mat and moves paper furniture pieces as they listen.

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Give one instruction at a time. Let learners take turns moving the pieces.

1 Get the furniture ready

Learners spread the pieces beside the house. Name each item and ask them to hold it up. Point out the four labelled rooms.

"Show me the bed."
"Show me the cupboard."

2 Listen and move

Read the instructions below slowly, pausing after each one. Learners place the named item in the house. Ask a different learner to move each piece.

"Put the bed in the bedroom."
"Put the couch in the lounge room."
"Put the table in the kitchen."
"Put the chair next to the table."
"Put the lamp beside the bed."
"Put the cupboard in the bathroom."
"Put the bookshelf beside the couch."
"Put the wardrobe in the bedroom."

3 Say where it is

Ask each learner a question. They can point while answering. Accept short answers first, then model a full sentence.

Teacher:	"Where is the bed?"
Learner:	"In the bedroom."
Teacher:	"Where is the chair?"
Learner:	"Next to the table."
Teacher:	"Where is the lamp?"
Learner:	"Beside the bed."

More advanced: "The chair is next to the table in the kitchen." Give a new instruction, such as "Move the couch near the window in the lounge room." Then ask a learner to give the next instruction.

Furniture pieces

One set per table. Print at the same scale as the house illustration.



bed



couch



table



chair



lamp



cupboard



bookshelf



wardrobe

The pieces are sized to fit the rooms. Keep the printing scale matched to page 4.


bedroom
bathroom
lounge room
kitchen