

Teacher's Notes

Chinese Estate Agents Lesson

The following lesson is to consolidate the vocabulary for houses, and for students to learn how to describe different types of homes in detail.

Students will use the Century 21 website. The website link is for the English version of the website, but there is an option to change it to Chinese. This option can be used for a more challenging activity.

The activity can take place over 1) one lesson 2) homework and a lesson 3) two lessons.

Give each group a different area of China for their property search in order to make sure there are no duplicates with the properties.

There is an example of a property description on the final page in English or Chinese. Feel free to use whichever description you think it most suitable for your students' level.

The Chinese description in the example can also be adapted as a gap-fill exercise for your students in which they need to guess the missing vocab.

Students will inevitably pick the highest priced properties on the website. This means that in the yuan currency, they will be in the region of 10s of millions of yuan. For smaller numerical values, you can ask the students to list the price in dollars (properties are listed in dollars on Century 21 website) or you can set an upper limit for the students e.g. 9 million yuan.

Try and get your students to be as creative as possible when describing the houses, using a range of vocabulary.

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Selling your House Activity

You are estate agents in China working for the company Century 21. Follow the link to take you to Century 21's website:

<http://www.century21global.com/china>

Using this website, your group has to select three properties (in China) to sell to another group in the class. Once you have chosen your three properties, use the vocabulary below, along with vocabulary you have already learnt, to prepare a description in Chinese of the three properties (see example in English and Chinese on P4).

In Chinese, describe the properties to another group in your class. You can describe the way the property looks, how many rooms it has, where it is, what it is near to (schools, hospitals, parks etc.). Do not tell the other group the price of the property!

The other group will pick the property they most want to buy out of the three properties you have described.

Once you know the property the other group most wants to buy, you will use this property to enter into a silent auction in your class.

You will then do the same thing as above to select your favourite property of the opposing group's properties.

Silent Auction

Each group has the property that was chosen by their opposing group. This property will be used in the class silent auction. Each group will stand up in front of the class and describe in detail the property they are selling.

The other groups in the class need to guess how much the property is worth (according to the Century 21 website). The groups secretly discuss how much they think the property is worth. They write down the amount (in Chinese) on a piece of paper and hand to the teacher.

Once the teacher has all the bids, each group will stand up and tell the class what their bid was and why they think the property is worth this amount of money. The group with the closest bid to the actual price will receive 1 point.

Once all the bids have been guessed, the points can be counted. The winning group will receive a prize.

Vocab

Big 大	Rooms 房间	Thousand 千
Small 小	Windows 窗口	Hundred 百
Beautiful 漂亮/好看	Apartment 公寓	Near 近
Old 旧	House 房子	Far 远
Ugly 难看/不漂亮	Courtyard 庭院	Hospital 医院
New 新的	Which city? 什么城市	Park 公园
Bus stop 公共汽车站	Subway 地铁站	Million 百万
Station 火车站	School 学校	Garden 花园

Example in English and Chinese

7 bedroom terraced house for sale

£55,000,000

Eaton Square, Belgravia, London, SW1W



This beautiful house in the centre of London has seven bedrooms, six bathrooms, two living rooms, two kitchens and two dining rooms. In total the house has 19 rooms and 30 windows. The house has a garden and is on the south-side of Eaton Park. There are three very good schools nearby. There is also a hospital one mile away. There is a train station and tube station very near. This house is on sale for £55,000,000.

这个房子很漂亮，在伦敦市中心。房子有七个卧室，六个卫生间，两个客厅，两个厨房和三个餐厅。房子一共有十九个房间。房子有很大的花园，房子在 Eaton 公园的南边。房子附近有三个很好的小学，离医院不远。离火车站和地铁也很近。要价五千五百万英镑