

Unit
11

This is my house

★Activities to learn the names of rooms.

Unit Aims

Many girls have probably wanted to have their own dollhouse when they were younger. They probably have also thought about how each of the rooms are used. Even without such experiences, children in their daily lives talk about rooms such as the living room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom while thinking about how these rooms are used. Several room names such as “living room” are also used in Japanese as loan words. Please provide the children with activities through which they can learn how various rooms in the house are called in English.

Vocabulary

living room bathroom kitchen restroom dining room bedroom
entrance

Classroom English

What room is this?

Where is the bathroom?

Color the kitchen yellow.

Please design your dream house.

Step of Activities

- (1) Learning the names of the rooms seen on the page. P.49
- (2) Looking for the rooms on the page in the layout. P.50-P.51
- (3) Following the teacher’s direction and coloring the rooms in the layout. P.51
- (4) Thinking about what kind of house they would like to live in and

designing the layout of such a house. P.52

Reference

The room called a “bathroom” is different in a Japanese house and a Western house. Normally, the bathroom in a Japanese house is where the bath is and is not where the toilet is. On the other hand, in a Western house a bathroom is where the toilet and bath or shower room are located. In the United States, the word “restroom” is used for toilets in places such as department stores. In this unit, “restroom” is used to refer to the toilet. Since the word “toilet” is often used to call the toilet bowl, we considered that it is not appropriate to use the word “toilet” for the restroom in the house.

Other Possible Activities

Collect several layouts of houses found in real estate advertisement flyers included in delivered newspapers. Photocopy these, and give them to the children, and let them choose the house they like. The teacher can call out the names of the rooms found in the houses and also call out colors in English. Children color the different rooms with different colors. The houses children choose will differ, and as a result the position of each of the rooms will be different. The activity will be more interesting if the teacher intentionally chooses houses with no living rooms or houses with Japanese rooms. A Japanese room can be called a “Japanese-style-room”.

There are some designs of houses. Which house do you like?

Choose one house.

Where is the bathroom? Color the bathroom yellow.