# Describing homes

## Activity 1

Look at the scaffold below. ‘*Il y a*’ means ‘there is’ or ‘there are’.

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| Singular/masculine | *Il y a* | *un balcon.* | *Le balcon* | *est* | *grand.* |
| Singular/feminine | *Il y a* | *une porte.* | *La porte* | *est* | *bleue.* |
| Plural | *Il y a* | *des volets.* | *Les volets* | *sont* | *verts.* |

Now use the scaffold to answer the questions below.

* How do you say ‘a’ for masculine words?
* How do you say ‘the’ for masculine words?
* How do you say ‘a’ for feminine words?
* How do you say ‘the’ for feminine words?
* How do you say ‘the’ for plural nouns, for example ‘the shutters’?
* What do you think ‘des’ means?

## Activity 2

Match the sentences below to the correct image in the table, by writing the sentence next to the correct image.

* *Il y a un garage.*
* *Il y a une porte-fenêtre.*
* *Il y a des volets.*
* *Il y a une porte.*
* *Il y a une terrasse.*
* *Il y a un balcon.*
* *Il y a un appartement.*
* *Il y a une maison près de la mer.*

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| House | Description |
| A window with green shutters. |  |
| A blue French door. |  |
| A yellow door. |  |
| A big house by the sea. |  |
| A house with a balcony. |  |
| A house in the suburbs with a garage. |  |
| A small terrace. |  |
| An apartment building. |  |

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## Activity 3

In French, adjectives (describing words) agree with the nouns (things) they are describing.

Look at these examples in the table below:

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| Describing a masculine, singular noun | Describing a feminine, singular noun | Describing a masculine, plural noun | Describing a feminine, plural noun |
| *Le balcon est petit.* | *La maison est petite.* | *Le balcons sont petits.* | *Le maisons sont petites.* |

Work with a partner to translate the following sentences into French (be careful with the adjective!) and then write each sentence in the table in Activity 2, next to the matching picture:

1. The apartment is modern.
2. The French door is blue.
3. The shutters are green.
4. The garage is big.
5. The terrace is nice.
6. The door is yellow.
7. The house is big.
8. The balcony is small.

## Activity 4

Choose 3 of the homes and write a sentence next to it to say if you like it, or not, and why.

For example:

*J’aime la maison parce que la terrasse est grande.*

*Je déteste la maison parce que le balcon est petit.*

## For the teacher

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| House | Description |
| A window with green shutters. | *Il y a des volets.*  *Les volets sont verts.* |
| A blue French door. | *Il y a une porte-fenêtre.*  *La porte-fenêtre est bleue.* |
| A yellow door. | *Il y a une porte.*  *La porte est jaune.* |
| A big house by the sea. | *Il y a une maison près de la mer.*  *La maison est grande.* |
| A house with a balcony. | *Il y a un balcon.*  *Le balcon est petit.* |
| A house in the suburbs with a garage. | *Il y a un garage.*  *Le garage est grand.* |
| A small terrace. | *Il y a une terrasse.*  *La terrasse est agréable.* |
| An apartment building. | *Il y a un appartement.*  *L’appartement est moderne.* |

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