

**Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba**

Find My Dream House

Facilitator Note:

The following activities are to help newcomers to understand how to purchase a house and what to look for in terms of the styles and features. This activity is designed to help participants understand the housing market and to offer a very basic and informative suggestion in their house hunting journey. There are four steps to conduct the activity.

Step One: Warm up / ice-breaker: Brainstorm
(See activity 1)

Step Two: Find Your Dream House
(See activity 2)

Step Three: Discuss with your group members and decide on which one you would like to put an offer and explain why. (See activity 3)

Step Four: Discussion on Pros and Cons. Let's see which group has made the best decision on buying a house.

Activity 1: Brainstorm – My dream house

1. What kind of house are you looking for? Big or small?
2. How big a house do you want? 100 or 200 sm*?

3. What kind of features do you want to have? Fireplace, balcony, swimming pool or a play house?
4. What location would you like to choose? In the city or outside the city?
5. If it is in the city, do you want to live in the downtown or in the Richmond area?
6. What kind of styles would you like to have? A bungalow, a two-storey house, a bi-level, or a condo?
7. How much are you willing to pay for the down payment? 30% down payment in cash or the total amount?
8. Do you want to have a two-car garage or a three-car garage? Or no garage.
9. Your own questions.

Activity 2: Which one is my dream house?

1. Select three houses that you would like to buy and do the comparison. Work together with your group and choose the right house from the advertisement. You can use the following phrases:

Eg. I like this one because it ...

Eg. I think this one has the best features such as ...

Eg. The price of this one is very good because ...

Eg. I think this one is better than that one because...

2. Compare them all and select the right house with good price, good location, newer house, less work, more features, finished in and out, close to all conveniences and hospital.

Worksheet 4: Entire group Discussion:

- 1. What do you think of their decision?**
- 2. Would you do the same if you were they?**
- 3. What would you do differently?**

Pictures of Your Dream House:

1. \$ 64,000



Building Type : House
Bedrooms : 2
Bathrooms (Total) : 1
Bathrooms (Partial) 0
Floor Space : 828 sqft
Storeys: Bungalow
Age Of Building: Older building
Land Size: 25ft x97ft

2. \$104,900

Building Type : House
Bedrooms: 3



Bathrooms (Total) 1
 Bathrooms (Partial) 0
 Floor Space : 942 sqft
 Storeys : 1 1/2
 Age Of Building : Older building
 Land Size : 25ft x86ft
 Location :ALEXANDER AVE

3. 129,900



Building Type : House
 Bedrooms : 3
 Bathrooms (Total) : 2
 Bathrooms (Partial) : 0
 Floor Space : 1120 sqft
 Storeys : 2
 Age Of Building : Older building
 Land Size : 25ft x93ft
 Location VICTOR ST
 Winnipeg,

4. \$189,900

Age Of Building : Older building
 Building Type : House
 Bedrooms : 2
 Bathrooms (Total) : 1
 Bathrooms (Partial) : 0
 Location
 VICTOR ST Winnipeg,
 Floor Spac 865 sqft



WINNIPEG/Starts Showing Now OFFERS ANYTIME. Beautiful **brand new**, 4 bedroom **Bi-Level** on a quiet street. Wide **open concept** great for entertaining, **large windows** that create a bright living space. All **new laminate Flooring** on main level, easy to maintain. **Fully Finished** basement with large windows that bring in lots of **natural light** and two additional bedrooms. Great opportunity... Don't Miss Out!

5. \$302,900



Building Type : House
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms (Total) 2
Bathrooms (Partial) 0
Floor Space: 1455 sqft
Storeys: Bungalow
Age Of Building: New building
Location Baltic BAY WPG R2P 1M1

General Description

WINNIPEG/Merry Christmas! CALL NOW! **Only 5 Lots** left! Just **released!** **Purchase** before 18th of December and **receive a** Thank you \$1000 Gift Card before Christmas! WOW! We **build** amazing homes! Call now **before their**

gone! Registration starts 11th December 2010! And Yes lot, **piles and taxes** are **included** in the price! Call for all **the details!** Ask us how to **build your dream home** without selling your current house now! Any style any size to fit your **budget!** Call Now!

6. \$359,813



Building Type : House
Bedrooms : 3
Bathrooms (Total) : 2
Bathrooms (Partial) : 1
Floor Space : 2000 sqft
Storeys : 2
Age Of Building : New
building
Location : Baltic BAY R2P
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