

## World Language Class Project: My Vacation Home (Airbnb Project)

Engage world language learners with the “My Vacation Home” Airbnb-style project. Students choose or design a vacation home in a target-language country, describe its features and location using present tense, and narrate a week-long stay using past tense verbs. Includes step-by-step tasks, sentence starters, vocabulary support, visuals, and a clear rubric—perfect for meaningful, real-world [language practice](#).

### Project Overview

In this project, you will explore or design a vacation home (Airbnb-style) in a country where your target language is spoken. You will learn to describe a home, talk about its location, and use past tense forms to describe what you did there during your “stay.”

You may choose a real Airbnb listing online or create your own dream vacation home using your imagination.

### Step 1: Choose or Create Your Vacation Home

#### Option A – Find a Real Airbnb

- Go to [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com).
- Choose a country where your target language is spoken.
- Pick a place you like (a house, apartment, cabin, hotel, etc.).
- Take notes on:
  - The city and country
  - Type of home
  - Number of rooms and main features
  - Special details (pool, view, garden, beach nearby, etc.)

#### Option B – Create Your Own Airbnb

If you prefer to invent one:

- Choose a country or city.
- Draw or design your house using Google Slides, Canva, or paper.
- Include at least six labeled rooms and three special features.

### Step 2: Describe the Home (Present Tense)

Use home and location vocabulary. [Write a short paragraph in the target language](#)

describing your vacation home.

Include:

- Type of home and location
- Rooms and furniture
- Two special details
- How you feel about the home

Sentence Starters (translate into target language):

- My vacation home is in \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is a house / apartment / cabin in \_\_\_\_\_.
- It has \_\_\_\_\_ bedrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ bathrooms.
- In the living room, there is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Outside, there is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I like it because \_\_\_\_\_.

Transition Words: in addition, also, but, however, therefore

Step 3: Describe the Location (Present Tense)

Include:

- What city and country it is in
- What's nearby
- Why it's a good place to visit

Sentence Starters (translate into target language):

- My vacation home is in the center of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's near \_\_\_\_\_.
- There are many things to do, for example \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's a perfect place for \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 4: Write About Your Trip (Past Tense)

Imagine you spent one week at your vacation home. Write ten sentences in the past tense describing what you did there.

Sentence Starters (translate into target language):

- I went to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I swam in \_\_\_\_\_.
- I walked around \_\_\_\_\_.
- I visited \_\_\_\_\_.
- I ate \_\_\_\_\_.
- I saw \_\_\_\_\_.
- I played \_\_\_\_\_.
- I talked with \_\_\_\_\_.
- I bought \_\_\_\_\_.
- I loved it because \_\_\_\_\_.

Transition Words: first, after, then, later, finally

#### Step 5: Visual Presentation

Choose one format:

- Digital slide deck or Canva poster: include photos, labels, and your text.
- Paper poster or hand-drawn version: label rooms and add captions.

Your project must include:

- Title: "My Vacation Home"
- Six labeled parts of the home
- One short descriptive paragraph
- Ten past tense sentences

#### Step 6: Optional Speaking Extension

Record or present your [project to the class](#). Include:

- Where your home is located
- A brief description of the house
- Three things you did there

#### Grading Rubric (20 points total)

Category	Description	Points
Description of Home (Present)	Clear, detailed description using home vocabulary in full sentences	5
Description of Location	Mentions city, country, and nearby features	3

Past Tense Sentences	At least ten complete, accurate sentences in the past tense	5
Visuals / Labels	Attractive, labeled, and easy to understand	4
Creativity & Effort	Unique details, thoughtful effort, and overall presentation	3

Vocabulary Support (translate to target language as needed)

Rooms: living room, kitchen, dining room, bedroom, bathroom, garden, terrace

Furniture: bed, table, chair, sofa, television, lamp

Places: city, beach, mountain, downtown, countryside

Travel Verbs (past tense): went, saw, visited, ate, swam, bought, talked, rested

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