Room Names in Houses Around the World

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Learning Room Names in Different Languages

When you learn a foreign language, one of the most useful things to know is the names of rooms in a house. Whether you're visiting **France**, **Spain**, **Germany**, or any other country, being able to talk about your home helps you have real conversations with new friends.

Let's explore how different languages name the rooms we use every day. You'll discover that some names sound quite similar across languages, while others are completely different!

Common Rooms in French

French is spoken by over **280 million people** worldwide. In French, a bedroom is called a **chambre**, the kitchen is a **cuisine**, and the living room is a **salon**. The bathroom is a **salle de bain** (which means "bathing room"), and the dining room is a **salle à manger** (which means "eating room").

Think of it like how we sometimes describe rooms by what we do in them – we say "the place where we cook" instead of just "kitchen." That's exactly what the French do with their room names!

Spanish Room Names

In **Spanish**, a bedroom is a **dormitorio**, which comes from the word "dormir" meaning "to sleep." The kitchen is a **cocina**, and the living room is a **sala**. The bathroom is a **baño**, and the dining room is a **comedor** (from "comer," meaning "to eat").

German House Rooms

In **German**, you'll notice that many room names combine two words together. A bedroom is a **Schlafzimmer** (sleep-room), the kitchen is a **Küche**, and the living room is a **Wohnzimmer** (living-room). The bathroom is a **Badezimmer** (bath-room).

Think of German like building words from blocks – you stack smaller words together to create longer, more descriptive names. It's like saying "sleep-place" instead of just "bedroom."

More Rooms to Explore

Other important rooms include the **hallway** or **entrance** (entrée in French, entrada in Spanish, Eingang in German), stairs (escaliers, escaleras, Treppen), and the **garage** (which sounds similar in many languages!). Some homes also have an **attic** (grenier, desván, Dachboden) or a **basement** (sous-sol, sótano, Keller).

Learning room names is a brilliant way to start conversations about where you live and understand how different cultures organize their homes!

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