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housing¹  (hou zǐng)

Share:

- n.*
- Buildings or other shelters in which people live: *a shortage of housing in the city.*
 - A place to live; a dwelling: *She came to college early to look for housing.*
 - Provision of lodging or shelter: *the housing of refugees; a contract that includes housing.*
 - Something that covers, protects, or supports, especially:
 - A frame, bracket, or box for holding or protecting a mechanical part: *a wheel housing.*
 - An enclosing frame in which a shaft revolves.
 - A hole, groove, or slot in a piece of wood into which another piece is inserted.
 - A niche for a statue.
 - Nautical*
 - The part of a mast that is below deck.
 - The part of a bowsprit that is inside the hull.

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housing²  (hou zǐng)

Share:

- n.*
- An ornamental or protective covering for a saddle.
 - often **housings** Trappings for a horse.

[From Middle English *house*, from Old French *houce*, from Medieval Latin *hucia*, *hulcia*, *hultia*, protective covering, of Germanic origin; see **kel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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house  (haus)

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- n. pl. hous-es* (hou zǐz, -sǐz)
- A structure serving as a dwelling for one or more persons, especially for a family.
 - A household or family.
 - Something, such as a burrow or shell, that serves as a shelter or habitation for a wild animal.
 - A dwelling for a group of people, such as students or members of a religious community, who live together as a unit: *a sorority house.*
 - A building that functions as the primary shelter or location of something: *a carriage house; the lion house at the zoo.*
 - A building devoted to a particular activity: *a customs house; a house of worship.*

5.
 - a. A facility, such as a theater or restaurant, that provides entertainment or food for the public: *a movie house; the specialty of the house*.
 - b. The seating area in such an establishment: *dimmed the lights in the house to signal the start of the show*.
 - c. The audience or patrons of such an establishment: *a full house*.
 6.
 - a. A commercial firm: *a brokerage house*.
 - b. A publishing company: *a house that specializes in cookbooks*.
 - c. A gambling casino.
 - d. *Slang* A house of prostitution.
 7. A residential college within a university.
 8.
 - a. often **House** A legislative or deliberative assembly.
 - b. The hall or chamber in which such an assembly meets.
 - c. A quorum of such an assembly.
 9. often **House** A family line including ancestors and descendants, especially a royal or noble family: *the House of Orange*.
 10.
 - a. One of the 12 parts into which the heavens are divided in astrology.
 - b. The sign of the zodiac indicating the seat or station of a planet in the heavens. Also called *mansion*.
 11. House music.
- v. (houz) **housed**, **hous·ing**, **hous·es**
- v. *tr.*
1. To provide living quarters for; lodge: *The cottage housed ten students*.
 2. To shelter, keep, or store in a house or other structure: *a library housing rare books*.
 3. To fit (something) into a socket or mortise.
 4. *Nautical* To secure or stow safely.
- v. *intr.*
1. To reside; dwell.
 2. To take shelter.
- Idioms:**
- like a house on fire** (or **afire**) *Informal*
In an extremely speedy manner: *ran away like a house on fire; tickets that sold like a house afire*.
- on the house**
At the expense of the establishment; free: *food and drinks on the house*.
- put** (or **set**)(**one's**) **house in order**
To organize one's affairs in a sensible, logical way.

[Middle English *hous*, from Old English *hūs*.]

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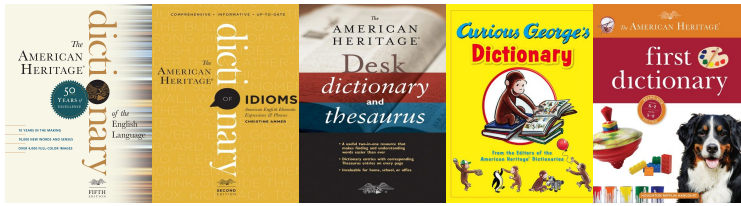
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