

Different rooms and their functions

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Living (sitting) room

- it's a meeting place for family members and largest in the house,
- for relaxation and for social activities like entertaining, listening to music, games and eating,
- furniture and furnishing should provide maximum comfort and atmosphere that gives complete relaxation.

NB:-

- it should be easily accessible from all rooms and
- should have a back door if possible for privacy of other rooms,
- if possible let it have activity areas where different activities can be done without interference.

The dining room

- it is for eating,
- smaller than sitting room,
- have furniture and chairs for family members,
- may have a cupboard/sideboard,
- some times in absence of a dining hall one end of a living room/area of kitchen is used,

NB:

- (a) should be next to kitchen/directly joined to the kitchen,
(b) should have a window/hatch to allow easy serving of meals.

Bedrooms

for sleeping/resting,

NB:-

1. should be located in a way which offers comfort and relaxation,
2. should be in a quiet part of house,
3. adequately furnished e.g should have a bed bedside table, dressing table and wardrobe.

The kitchen

- for food preparation, preservation, cooking and storage,
- acts as a serving area,
- serves as a dining room and can be for laundry.

NB:-

- Should be located in a place naturally and artificially lit.
- Should be near the dinning room and living rooms, near food store and back door.

The food store

for storage of non-perishable food though a house may have a fridge/cupboard for this.

NB: should be near kitchen

Sanitation

Has a bathroom and toilet, could be in one room/separate.

NB:-

- should be where there is water supply,
- should be near the bedroom for privacy.

Bath shelters and latrines:

- common in rural areas,
- outside the house to keep away flies.

NB: -

- should be kept clean,
- should be away from the water source,
- latrine pits should be covered to keep off flies and bad smells.