

EXTRA FUN FACTS

about living in different countries,
which Location Animators, involved in the
Construction task, can tell the Participants
to help them understand their Characters.

ENGLAND



London is a very expensive city, so your parents rent a small one-bedroom flat in an old building. There are two separate taps there (with cold and warm water), and the fire-place is used instead of central heating. It's cold most of the time. The house looks small from the front side, but, in fact, it's quite big, with the backyard. You invite guests, but you're not very happy when they don't take off their shoes at the entrance...

ITALY



In your house air conditioning is everything – in the summer it helps to survive heat waves, in the winter – it heats the place. But this winter is especially cold, so it's chilly and humid inside, and when the air conditioning isn't working – actually, what are you doing then? Maybe, you should ask your nice neighbor, the postman, for advice? He lives nearby with his mother. Signora Chiara remembers the times when there was no heating at all, and when in the South of Italy it suddenly got cold...

ICELAND



You have this really nice apartment in the basement of a detached house. You have bought all the furniture and even the pots and toys in second-hand stores. You're happy that it is cheap and eco-friendly, and that the whole profit from the shop goes to charity. Your main problem is getting used to warm tap water. It is groundwater and it smells of sulphur. The smell resembles rotten eggs, so... how do you take a shower or brush your teeth? However, the cold water is delicious and doesn't leave the limescale in the kettle. To have a glass of water, you better let it run for a moment, to get rid of the smell...

SWEDEN



you have a nice and large apartment, which you rent from the local council. It is furnished with second-hand furniture. You don't need a washing-machine – there's a common washing place nearby. You only have to remember to book your turn to use it!

USA AND CANADA



In Canada you live in a detached house in the suburbs. Sometimes a bear visits you, especially when you forget to lock the garbage container. You can quite often see the squirrels in your backyard (grey and red) and also racoons – they can be really messy... Now you're planning to rent an apartment in the USA. It'll be really large, everyone will have their own room. Maybe, there'll also be a separate room for shoes and a walk-in closet?

HUNGARY



You already know that while looking for a flat in Budapest, you need to know the number of the district apart from the address. In this city there are many streets with the same names in different areas.

CHINA (SHANGHAI)



You live in a skyscraper or... or in a traditional black-brick house. Instead of a traditional key, however, you have a magnetic stripe card. When you went to a large furniture store, you saw a lot of people sleeping or just on the beds there. You have seen a boy, who was sitting at a desk in a showroom and doing his homework, supervised by his mum.

POLAND



You were looking for a flat for a long time. It had to be big enough for your family but also affordable. For the time being you have to put up with a smaller one. Your rented flat is far away from your parents' offices and you spend a lot of time in public transportation. The buses and trams are quite comfortable and punctual. The flat is furnished – the furniture is quite old but it's ok. And the deer head on the wall is funny and scary at the same time... When you visit your Polish friends, their parents give you sleepers at the entrance and offer you lots of food. On TV in all foreign movies all the lines are read by one male voice – at first, it's hard to understand who says what.