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Chapter 26: Your Personal Living Space—Glossary

adhesive dirt. Dirt that sticks to surfaces.

amenities. Things that make life easier and more pleasant.

antique. Styles with features belonging to an earlier period, style, or fashion.

apartment. One-level units in buildings that are rented.

cleaning agents. Substances or chemicals used to clean household surfaces.

cleaning schedule. A plan for organizing the work of cleaning a home.

complex. Two or more large multiple-family buildings.

condominiums. Apartments available for purchase.

décor. The style and layout of interior furnishings.

disinfectant cleaner. Product that kills germs and cleans surfaces.

drapery. Term used for full-length, formal window treatments that are lined.

duplex. Two living units attached by a common wall.

duvet. A washable, removable bed cover that encloses a comforter.

electrical hazard. A danger from any form of electricity, such as electrical appliances and cords.

fixtures. Permanent pieces installed in a room.

functional. Something that has a practical use.

landlords. Owners of building property.

lease. A legal document that renters must sign agreeing to pay the rent on time and to keep the property in good shape.

loose dirt. Dry dirt not bound to a surface.

mortgage. Long-term loan taken out for home purchase.

multiple-family housing. Building containing similar types of housing that is home to more than one family.

pegboard. A particle-wood board with small holes in it.

residential properties. All types of housing.

routine jobs. Tasks done daily as a part of your regular activity.

rural. Country.

scale floor plan. A flat drawing of a room's floor corresponding to the actual room's size and shape.

shared space. Areas in the home used by all the family members and for entertaining guests.

single-family house. A freestanding house that is home to only one family.

social needs. Human need to interact with people.

town houses. Two-or three-level-homes in a row attached by common walls. Also called *row houses*.

traffic patterns. The paths you take to get to different parts of your room.

trustees. A group of members that manage a building's maintenance funds and other property issues.