

Common Real Estate Terms

SPACIOUS – average

CHARMING – small

COMFORTABLE - very small

COZY - very, very small. Snow White might fit, but five of the dwarves would have to find their own place. See “Cute,’ ‘Enchanting,’ and ‘Good Starter Home.’

LOW MAINTENANCE - no lawn

WALK TO STORES - nowhere to park your car

PRESTIGIOUS – expensive

BRIGHT AND SUNNY - blinds not included

TOWNHOUSE - former tenement

MODERN - 30 to 40 years old

CONTEMPORARY - at least 15 years old

SPRAWLING RANCH - inefficient floor plan

NATURAL SETTING - forget about landscaping, the deer will eat everything

SECLUDED SETTING - far away

EXECUTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD - high taxes

NEAR HOUSES OF WORSHIP - fanatical denomination next door

PARK-LIKE SETTING - a tree on the block

UNAFFECTED CHARM - needs painting

STARTER HOME - run down

HURRY, WON'T LAST - about to collapse

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE - nothing else comes to mind

MUCH POTENTIAL - Grim. Steer clear unless you have a lot of money and believe your blind dates really did have nice personalities. See 'Ready to Rehab' and 'Fixer Upper.'

UNIQUE CITY HOME - Used to be a warehouse.

HI-TECH/CONTEMPORARY - Lots of steel shelving with little holes – the kind your dad used to hang tools in the basement.

DARING DESIGN - Still a warehouse.

COMPLETELY UPDATED - Avocado dishwasher and harvest gold carpeting, or vice versa.

SOPHISTICATED - Black walls and no windows. See 'Architect's Delight.'

ONE-OF-A-KIND - Ugly as sin.

BRILLIANT CONCEPT - Do you really need a two-story live oak in your 30-foot sky dome? See 'Makes Dramatic Statement.'

UPPER BRACKET - If you have to ask . . .

YOU'LL LOVE IT - No, you won't.

MUST SEE TO BELIEVE - An absolutely accurate statement.