



HOUSING

PART ONE USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

1. We are looking for a house to rent for the Summer Olympics
2. Are you trying to find a furnished or unfurnished house?
3. We've got to get a bed, dresser and pedestal lamps for the bedroom.
4. This two-bedroom apartment will be available at the end of the month.
5. What's the monthly rent and deposit for this apartment?
6. This \$300 rent includes all utilities except for Internet services.
7. What style furniture do you have – traditional or modern?
8. They've turned on the electricity so the house is ready for occupation.
9. If you want a towel, look in the linen closet next to the bathroom.
10. The house is in bad condition and needs expensive repairs.
11. The roof has serious leaks that damaged all the ceilings.
12. That split-level house is for sale and it has a new air-conditioning system.
13. This is an interesting floor plan, but can it be changed or modified?
14. The university gives a list of private options for rent both on and off campus.
15. I'm looking for two other mature graduate students to share this house.

PART TWO MORE USEFUL EXAMPLES

1. They're living in a run-down little place in the slum area of the city.
2. Have you thought of moving to a better area?
3. We live on a ranch near the lake region.
4. Do you think we can afford the mortgage for the bigger apartment?
5. She hired an interior decorator for her new house.
6. It's a pity we cannot afford a house in that suburb – it is so peaceful.
7. We like to live in a home with plenty of natural light and good ventilation.
8. We're going to have to spend a fortune doing everything up before the sale.
9. We live in a large three-bedroom house in the outer suburbs.
10. Mary lives in a huge upscale apartment building.
11. With the renovation we got a shiny new kitchen and a spacious garage.
12. Does the house come complete with a cupboards and tops of our choice?
13. Your garden looks so beautiful with its flower beds and rockery.
14. Does it have high-speed internet access and cable?
15. How much do you charge for the satellite TV and Internet access package?
16. The windows have double glazing protection because of the weather.
17. That room has a wonderful view of the beach and the ocean.

PART THREE SITUATIONAL DIALOGUE PRACTICE

Number 1

Read the following dialogue and extend the dialogue so that the Landlord suggests a more convenient time for him because he is having lunch (but he does not want to mention it). Use between 20 and 30 words for the extension.

Bachelor Apartment for Rent

Cindy: A friend told me you might have a room available.

Landlord: Yes. This small bachelor apartment is available.

Cindy: What is the monthly rent and deposit?

Landlord: Three hundred dollars per month, but no overnight visitors are allowed.

Cindy: Great. When can I take a look at the place?

Landlord: Could you ...

Number 2

Read the following dialogue and extend the dialogue so that the Agent arranges for a viewing regarding the furniture and the initial payments. Use between 20 and 30 words for the extension.

Renting an Apartment

Agent: Good morning – how may I help you?

Client: We're looking for an apartment to rent beginning this summer.

Agent: Do you need it furnished or unfurnished?

Client: Furnished – if the cost is reasonable.

Agent: The furniture you require can be negotiated with the owner. When would you like to move in?

Client: I plan to arrive on June 01 and would like to move in that day.

Agent: You would ...