**Meg’s Apartment**

**Todd**: So Meg, do you live in a house or an apartment?

**Meg**: I live in an apartment near the train station.

**Todd**: Oh, you live downtown.

**Meg**: I do.

**Todd**: Do you like living downtown?

**Meg**: I do like living downtown because it's so convenient. Everything is close by, grocery stores, the mall, the station.

**Todd**: Oh, that's great. So what about your apartment? Do you have a nice apartment?

**Meg**: It's a nice apartment, but it's really small.

**Todd**: Oh yeah? How many rooms?

**Meg**: Well, there are three rooms. But each room is pretty small. There's a bedroom, a sitting room like a living room, and the kitchen room.

**Todd**: Oh, wow. So in your bedroom, like, do you have a big ***queen size*** bed, a small bed?

**Meg**: I have a small twin size bed or a single bed in the bedroom because it's pretty small. So there's not much space for a big bed.

**Todd**: All right. So do you have a TV in your bedroom?

**Meg**: No. Actually, I don't own a TV at all.

**Todd**: Really? So there's no TV in the living room, too.

**Meg**: There's no TV anywhere in the apartment.

**Todd**: Wow. What do you do in your house?

**Meg**: I have a laptop computer. So usually, I can watch some TV shows or videos on my laptop.

**Todd:** All right. Okay. Do you like to watch movies in bed?

**Meg**: Yeah. Sometimes I like to watch movies in bed or sometimes I prefer to sit in the living room and watch movies.

**Todd**: Right. So you must have high-speed Internet.

**Meg**: I do. Yes. I have an Internet box that my laptop can connect to.

**Todd**: Okay. Cool. Do you have a nice big sofa?

**Meg**: I have two small sofas. So you can push them together to make one big sofa or you can keep them ***separate***. Usually, I keep them separate because there's more room for people to sit on.

**Todd**: Okay. Now, you like to cook. So you must have a nice kitchen.

**Meg**: Unfortunately, I have a very tiny kitchen.

**Todd**: Oh no. How do you cook?

**Meg**: I have to use some extra tables to have more space. The ***counter*** is really small, so there's not much space. So I have an extra table I use for preparing the food.

**Todd**: Okay. Do you have an oven?

**Meg**: I have a very small toaster oven. So it's not really an oven.

**Todd**: All right. So do you have a microwave?

**Meg**: I do have a microwave and a small refrigerator and one burner, like a stove top burner.

**Todd**: Okay. Do you cook every night?

**Meg**: I don't cook every night. Sometimes, I'm too busy. And sometimes because my kitchen is so small, I get a little ***frustrated***. So I just ***pick up*** some food from a restaurant.

**Todd**: All right. Now, you live in an apartment, so how many floors does your apartment building have?

**Meg**: The building has five floors and I live on the fifth floor.

**Todd**: Nice. Fifth floor.

**Meg**: Yeah. The view is nice, but unfortunately, there's no elevator.

**Todd**: Oh no.

**Meg**: So you always have to take the stairs.

**Todd**: Wow. Five ***flights of stairs***.

**Meg**: Five flights of stairs everyday. But it's good exercise.

**Todd**: So you're on the fifth floor. Do you have a balcony?

**Meg**: I have a small balcony where my washing machine is and I can also hang out my laundry out there.

**Todd**: Oh cool, washing machine is outside.

**Meg**: It is outside. It's a little different from my house in America.

**Todd**: So from your view, what can you see?

Meg: I can see the train station from one window and all the restaurants downtown. And from a different window, I can see the mountains.

**Todd**: Oh nice. Yeah, the mountains are nice.

**Meg**: Yeah, it's really pretty.

**Phrases and Vocabulary**

**queen-size bed**

A bed with a wooden headboard

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceDo you have a big ***queen-size*** bed, or a small bed?

Beds can come in three sizes: twin, queen-size and king-size. A queen size bed fits two people. Notice the following:

1. My hotel had a queen-size bed.
2. A king-size is too big for me. I prefer a queen-size.

**separate**

A couple of beds in a room

Description automatically generated with low confidenceYou can keep them ***separate***.

When you keep things separate, you keep them apart from each other. Notice that separate, the verb and separate, the adjective, have different pronunciation. Notice the following:

1. My parents sleep in separate beds.
2. We work in separate rooms.

**counter**

A picture containing person, indoor

Description automatically generatedThe ***counter*** is really small.

A counter is a flat area you can set things on. Notice the following:

1. Please set the bags on the counter.
2. Can you wipe the counter for me?

**frustrated**

A person wearing glasses

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceI get a little ***frustrated***.

When you are frustrated, you are not happy because things are not going as you would like them to. Notice the following:

1. I am frustrated with my progress.
2. I know you are frustrated, but don't give up.

**pick up**

A box of french fries

Description automatically generated with low confidenceI just ***pick up*** some food from a restaurant.

Here, pick up means to buy something and take it home. Notice the following:

1. I need to pick up some ice for the party.
2. On your way home, can you pick up lunch.

**flight of stairs**

Wow. Five ***flights of stairs***.

A flight of stairs is a level of stairs. For example, a five-story building will have five flights of stairs. Notice the following:

1. I walked up three flights of stairs to get to my office.
2. The cafe is three flights of stairs down from here.

Vocabulary Quiz

**queen-size • separate • counter  
frustrated • pick up • flights of stairs**

Top of Form

1. He walked up three  .
2. Leave the bag on the  .
3. He is  with his performance.
4. They live in  houses.
5. I sleep on a  bed.
6. Can you  some milk at the store?

Bottom of Form

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

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 b) her job  
 c) many shops

2) Her place has \_\_\_\_\_ . 

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 c) three small rooms

3) She likes to watch movies \_\_\_\_\_ . 

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 b) in the living room  
 c) on her bed

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