

## Unit 4, Lesson 1: Looking for a place to live

### 1. Vocabulary

Rental		
rental (n) 租屋, 租金 rental (a) 租的 rent 租金 single family home 獨棟式房子	condominium 公寓 apartment 公寓 (美式) flat 公寓 (英式) townhouse, townhome 連棟房屋 mobile home 移動房屋	furniture 家具 unfurnished 無傢俱的 garage 車庫 parking 停車處 residents 住戶
Other		
location 地點 suburb city 郊區城市 pretty comfortable 相當舒服	options 選項 flexible 有彈性的 working from home 在家上班	budget 預算 cheaper 較便宜 more expensive 較貴

### 2 Looking for a rental place for your aunt

Your aunt wants to live near you in the US. Your job is to \_\_\_\_\_ (help / helping) her find a perfect place to rent.

#### A. Email

Your aunt asked you about her options. You decided to email her with some information.

Dear Auntie,

I am so happy that you are \_\_\_\_\_ (move / moving) close to me. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ (選項) for \_\_\_\_\_ (租屋) here.

There are plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ (獨棟式房子), \_\_\_\_\_ (連棟房屋), and \_\_\_\_\_ (公寓) near where I live. You can get a nice \_\_\_\_\_ (three-bedroom / three bedrooms) house for about \$2,000 a month. \_\_\_\_\_ (連棟房屋) and \_\_\_\_\_ (公寓) are \_\_\_\_\_ (較便宜). With around \$1,500 a month, you can find a \_\_\_\_\_ (相當舒服) \_\_\_\_\_ (連棟房屋). For a \_\_\_\_\_ (two-bedroom / two-bedrooms) \_\_\_\_\_ (公寓), the \_\_\_\_\_ (rent / rents) can be as low as \$900 a month.

\_\_\_\_\_ (獨棟式房子) usually \_\_\_\_\_ (come / comes) with a \_\_\_\_\_  
(車庫). \_\_\_\_\_ (連棟房屋) and \_\_\_\_\_ (公寓) have \_\_\_\_\_ (停車處) for  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (住戶).

Let me know what you need.

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Your name)

## B. Phone conversation

Your aunt just called you.

Aunt: Ideally, we would love to have a \_\_\_\_\_ (獨棟式房子) for four of us. A large  
\_\_\_\_\_ (連棟房屋) or \_\_\_\_\_ (公寓) will be OK too. Can you check to see  
what \_\_\_\_\_ (選項) we have?

You: How about \_\_\_\_\_ (地點)?

Aunt: Both your uncle and I will be \_\_\_\_\_ (在家上班), so we are \_\_\_\_\_ (有彈性的)  
for the \_\_\_\_\_ (地點). Your cousins need to go to school there. We need a place  
\_\_\_\_\_ (close for / close to) a high school for Mike. We also need to be \_\_\_\_\_  
(near / nearby) an elementary school for Amy.

You: What is your \_\_\_\_\_ (預算)?

Aunt: We don't want to spend too much money for \_\_\_\_\_ (租金) because we want to buy a  
house later. \$2,500 a month should be fine.

You: That is smart. What else?

Aunt: Make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ (家具) is OK.

You: Most rentals are \_\_\_\_\_ (無傢俱的). We can buy \_\_\_\_\_ (家具) later.

Aunt: OK. Talk to you soon.

## C. What does your aunt need?

Summarize your aunt's requirements for the rental. Use complete sentences. Include the following:

Type of housing

Size

Location

Price

Parking

Other

### **3. Conversation in the real world**

Let's talk!

## Unit 4, Lesson 2: Finding a home

### 1. Vocabulary

Rental		
fireplace 壁爐 air-conditioning 冷氣 balcony 陽台 yard 庭院	pet friendly 寵物友善 pool 游泳池 amenities 便利設施 utilities 水電費	character 特點 quiet 安靜的 suitable 合適的 unsuitable 不適合

### 2. Finding a home for your aunt

#### A. Classified ads

You found the following classified ads for your aunt. For each unit, explain why it is \_\_\_\_\_ (合適的) or \_\_\_\_\_ (不適合) for your aunt.

<b>1. House for rent</b> Large house with five bedrooms, three bathrooms, pool, _____ (壁爐), air-conditioning, three-car garage, and a large _____ (庭院). Near schools. Rent: \$3,000 a month	<b>2. House for rent</b> Two-bedroom, one-bathroom house with fireplace, _____ (冷氣), and lots of _____ (特點). Near schools and shopping center. Rent: \$1,500	<b>3. Condo for rent</b> Two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo. _____ (水電費) paid and air-conditioning included. Near parks and schools. Rent: \$1,000
<b>4. House for rent</b> New one-bedroom, one-bathroom house with a large kitchen and a very large dining room. Utilities paid. _____ (寵物友善). Rent: \$1,800	<b>5. Condo for rent</b> Four-bedroom, three-bathroom condo with air-conditioning in a _____ (安靜的) community. Great _____ (便利設施). Two stories. Utilities paid. Rent: \$2,500 a month	<b>6. Condo for rent</b> Four-bedroom, three-bathroom condo with fireplace and _____ (陽台). Near a metro station. Rent: \$1,400

Explain why each unit is or is not suitable.

1. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

2. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

3. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

4. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

5. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

6. Suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Why:

## **B. Decisions**

You selected a single-family home and an apartment. Describe each of these two to your aunt (see textbook page 89 for examples).

**Single-family home**

**Apartment**

## **C. Uncle and cousins**

You just talked to you aunt. She is interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ (single-family home / apartment). She asked you to send a better description to convince your uncle and cousins? Make your description more attractive to your uncle and cousins.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Single-family home / Apartment)

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### 4. Homework

Translate the English words below into Chinese.

English	Chinese	English	Chinese	English	Chinese
rental agency		spouse		description	
big yard		relationship		floor plan	
utilities paid		furniture		living room	
garage		bedroom		dining room	

deposit condo supervisor assembly reference interview social security number landlord co-applicant		bathroom nearby remodeled kitchen washer/dryer dishwasher stove oven required		armchair bookcase coffee table couch dresser end table table lamp hall closet	
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