

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 (condo) 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 _____ (租金) 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 like to have a _____ (獨棟式房子) for four of us. A large
_____ (連棟房屋) or _____ (公寓) will be good too. Can you check 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 / neared) 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 / quickly).

C. What does your aunt need?

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

Type of housing	What does my aunt need / want: Reason:
Size	What does my aunt need / want: Reason:
Location	What does my aunt need / want: Reason:
Price	What does my aunt need / want: Reason:
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.

1. House for rent 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	2. House for rent Two-bedroom, one-bathroom house with fireplace, _____ (冷氣), and lots of _____ (特點). Near schools and shopping center. Rent: \$1,500	3. Condo for rent Two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo. _____ (水電費) paid and air-conditioning included. Near parks and schools. Rent: \$1,000
4. House for rent New one-bedroom, one-bathroom house with a large	5. Condo for rent Four-bedroom, three-bathroom condo with air-conditioning in a	6. Condo for rent Four-bedroom, three-bathroom condo with fireplace and

kitchen and a very large dining room. Utilities paid. _____ (寵物友善). Rent: \$1,800	_____ (安靜的) community. Great _____ (便利設施). Two stories. Utilities paid. Rent: \$2,500 a month	_____ (陽台). Near a metro station. Rent: \$1,400
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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 (house) and an apartment. Describe each of these two to your aunt (see textbook page 89 for examples).

Single-family home (house)

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