

Looking for an Apartment

### 1. Dialogue Reading 🔎

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation.

Ellie: Hi, I'm calling about your ad for the apartment for rent.

Landlord: Oh yes.

Ellie: Can you give me a little more information, please?

Landlord: Sure. What would you like to know?

Ellie: How many rooms does it have?

Landlord: It has an L-shaped living room dining room, a small kitchen, two bedrooms, one large bathroom and a small one off the master bedroom

master bedroom.

Ellie: How much is the rent?

Landlord: It's \$600.

Ellie: Is it carpeted?

Landlord: No. It has hard wood floors throughout.

Ellie: Is there a parking spot?

Landlord: There are two spaces available.

Ellie: Is parking included in the rent?

Landlord: One space is included. If you want the other spot, you'll

have to pay an extra \$20 per month.

Ellie: What about utilities?

Landlord: Heat, water and electricity are included. You just have to

pay for cable and telephone.

Ellie: Do I have to sign a lease?

Landlord: No. You just have to give one month notice if you want to

move out.

Ellie: Is there a damage deposit?

Landlord: Yes. It's \$300, half a month's rent.

Ellie: Is it okay to have a pet?

Landlord: Small pets are allowed.

Ellie: One more thing. Is it close to a major bus route?

Landlord: Yes, there's a bus stop just one block away.

Ellie: Great. When can I see it?

Landlord: How about 2:00 this afternoon?

Ellie: That's fine. Oh, I forgot to ask. When is it available?

Landlord: It's available immediately.

Ellie: Okay. See you at two. Thanks.

Landlord: See you. Bye.



### Find New Expressions ✓

Write down any useful or new expressions and words in the fields below.





Can you give me a little more information, please?

Could you give me a little more information, please?

Could you tell me a little more about it?

How many rooms does it have? How many rooms are there?

bedrooms

bathrooms

Is it air-conditioned?

Does it have a balcony?

Does it have air-conditioning?

a fireplace?

in-suite laundry?

Is it okay to have a pet?

a dog? a cat?

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### 2. Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

I'm calling about your ad for the apartment for rent.

the house the townhouse the duplex

the bachelor suite

What would you like to know?

What do you want to know? What information would you like?

How much is the rent? Is it carpeted?

What's the rent? Does it have carpeting? Does it have blinds?

> drapes? curtains?

> > Are there appliances?

Does it have a parking spot? Does it have appliances?

Do I have to sign a lease?

Is there a parking spot?

Do I need to sign a lease?

Is it necessary to sign a lease?

a security deposit?

Is there a damage deposit?

Do I have to pay a damage deposit?

Is it close to a major bus route?

a school?

a shopping center?

a park? a bank? There's a bus stop just one block away.

There's a school nearby.

There's a shopping centre down the street.

There's a bank at the corner. There's a park on the next street.

Great. When can I see it?

Good. When will I be able to look at it?

How about 2:00?

Is 2:00 okay?

Is 2:00 convenient?

Do you want to come at 2:00?

When is it available?

When will it be vacant? When can I move in?

It's available immediately. It's vacant now.

You can move in right away.





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### 3. Vocabulary N

Match the words on the left with the correct meaning on the right.

- 1. landlord
- 2. tenant
- 3. lease
- \_\_\_ 4. damage deposit
  - available
- bachelor suite
- utilities
- \_\_\_\_ 8. appliances
- \_\_\_\_ 9. convenient
  - \_\_\_ 10. nearby
- \_\_\_ 11. blinds
- \_\_\_\_ 12. carpeting

- a. heat, electricity, water
- b. floor covering
- c. ready to use
- d. close
- e. person who rents an apartment
- f. written rental agreement
- g. window coverings
- h. apartment owner
- i. fridge, stove, washer, dryer
- j. security deposit
- k. small apartment for one person
- I. easy to use, easy to do







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4. Dialogue Building N						
Complete the dia	alogue below with the appropriate expressions.					
Caller:	Hi, I'm calling about your ad forfo	r rent.				
Landlord:	Oh yes.					
Caller:		?				
Landlord:	Sure	?				
Caller:	How manydoes it	have?				
Landlord:						
Caller:	How much	?				
Landlord:	It's \$					
Caller:	Does it have	?				
Landlord:	Yes, it does.					
Caller:	Is there	?				
Landlord:	Yes, there is.					
Caller:	Is included in the rent?					
Landlord:		·				
Caller:	utili	ties?				
Landlord:						
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Caller:	deposit?					
Landlord:	Yes					
Caller:						
Landlord:	Small pets are allowed.					
Caller:	One more thing. Is it close to	?				
Landlord:	Yes, there's	·				
Caller:	Great. When can I see it?					
Landlord:		?				
Caller:	That's fine. Oh, I forgot to ask. When					
		?				
Landlord:	immedia	itely.				
Caller:	Okay. See you later. Thanks.					
Landlord:	See you. Bye.					
5. Write your	own dialogue <b>∿</b>					

Work with a partner and write your own new dialogue using any phrases from page 2. Then practice the dialogue and present it to your class.

