

Listening 3

Script:

- **Speaker 1 (00:01):** Good afternoon and welcome to Habitat Hunters. You must be Joseph.
- **Speaker 2 (00:05):** Yes, that's right. You said on the phone that I could come by at two o'clock. Sorry, I'm a little early.
- **Speaker 1 (00:12):** No problem at all. In Calgary's market, you have to move fast if you want a good apartment.
- **Speaker 2 (00:17):** Actually, I'd settled almost anything. I've been here 10 days and the hotel is ruining me. My father has me on a strict budget.
- **Speaker 1 (00:25):** Sit right down here now, sir. Let's talk a little about the places before [00:00:30] we go. Have a look now. We have four apartments available.
- **Speaker 2 (00:33):** Okay. Could you tell me more about those four apartments?
- **Speaker 1 (00:37):** Sure. The first one is on Beetle Road, just a block off campus. It's a three bedroom with a bathroom and a living room, and a great Italian restaurant right next to it.
- **Speaker 2 (00:48):** How much?
- **Speaker 1 (00:49):** Well, it's \$435 a month, including internet and utilities.
- **Speaker 2 (00:54):** Okay, that sounds reasonable. Any drawbacks to the house?
- **Speaker 1 (00:58):** There's a really big garden, but [00:01:00] it hasn't been taken care of over the years, and it's just too big to clean up nicely.
- **Speaker 2 (01:06):** That sounds okay. Tell me about the next option.
- **Speaker 1 (01:09):** The other three bedroom apartment is on Oakington Avenue on campus. It is right near the building where you have classes and the kitchen and living room are newly furnished.
- **Speaker 2 (01:19):** Wow. That sounds like a pretty good option.
- **Speaker 1 (01:22):** Well, it is a cool apartment, but since it's a dormitory, the living room, bathroom, kitchen, and washing machine are all shared. It would [00:01:30] be nice not to have to buy living room furniture though.
- **Speaker 2 (01:33):** And how much is this one?
- **Speaker 1 (01:34):** \$400 per month for a bedroom with an air conditioner, for a bedroom without an air conditioner, you would pay less \$340 for it.

- **Speaker 2 (01:44):** Yikes. Even with the air conditioner, it sounds really inconvenient to have to share facilities. I'll never cook if I have to walk down the hall to use the kitchen.
- **Speaker 1 (01:52):** Yeah, that's true. Anyway, the next place is a two bedroom on Mead Street.
- **Speaker 2 (02:00):** [00:02:00] Oh, I like Mead Street. That's off campus, right?
- **Speaker 1 (02:03):** Yep. It's pretty cool, but it only has two bedrooms plus a living room and a study,
- **Speaker 2 (02:09):** But I want to live together with my two friends,
- **Speaker 1 (02:12):** So you could make the study into a small bedroom if you end up living with them.
- **Speaker 2 (02:16):** Also, we guys want a TV and DVD player since we're all so much into movies.
- **Speaker 1 (02:22):** Well, this place has a great TV and VCR, but no DVD player?
- **Speaker 2 (02:26):** No. DVD. That's so weird. Are any other [00:02:30] facilities provided,
- **Speaker 1 (02:31):** As you said, weird enough. It also comes with a wash basin.
- **Speaker 2 (02:35):** Is there a washing machine? I think we need that more than just a wash basin.
- **Speaker 1 (02:40):** I'm afraid there's no washing machine in the apartment.
- **Speaker 2 (02:43):** Wow, that's so old fashioned. Maybe it's not the best choice for three college guys. How much is it?
- **Speaker 1 (02:49):** Well, it's \$600 per month, but of course it would be cheaper if you made it into three bedrooms instead of two.
- **Speaker 2 (02:56):** Where is the apartment located?
- **Speaker 1 (02:57):** It's 2 5 0 0 Mead Street [00:03:00] where there are a lot of bars.
- **Speaker 2 (03:02):** It would be affordable, but it would get pretty noisy and that sounds really expensive for an old place in a noisy area. How about the last place?
- **Speaker 1 (03:10):** This one's on campus in the Devon Close Complex. It's a one bedroom, so it will be a little quieter than the Mead Street place.
- **Speaker 2 (03:17):** One bedroom, huh? That could be good for focusing on my studies. What else does it have?

- **Speaker 1 (03:21):** It comes with a living room and a study and includes a really nice lamp in the study that has a bunch of different settings. You know what else is cool? [00:03:30] There's a dining hall downstairs, so all evening meals are free. You can purchase breakfast and lunch, but meals after 6:00 PM are free.
- **Speaker 2 (03:37):** Wow. This place sounds too good to be true. Is it really expensive?
- **Speaker 1 (03:41):** It's all right. \$500 per month, but there's no bathroom.
- **Speaker 2 (03:45):** What? No bathroom?
- **Speaker 1 (03:47):** Well, there's no bathroom in the apartment, but there's one at the end of the hall.
- **Speaker 2 (03:53):** Thanks. I think now I just have to decide whether I want to live alone or not.
- **Speaker 1 (03:56):** Yeah. Which one do you prefer?
- **Speaker 2 (03:58):** I think I choose either this apartment [00:04:00] or the one on Beetle Road.
- **Speaker 1 (04:02):** Okay. You'd better think about it and then you can contact me. ASAP.
- **Speaker 2 (04:07):** Fine. Thanks for your help.
- **Speaker 1 (04:08):** You are welcome. I.

1. **Type:** multiple-choice

Question: What is the monthly rent for the three-bedroom apartment on Beetle Road?

Options: [\$435, including internet and utilities, \$400, including utilities but no internet, \$340, with shared facilities, \$500, meals included]

Answer: \$435, including internet and utilities

Explanation: Speaker 1 states at [00:00:49] "Well, it's \$435 a month, including internet and utilities."

2. **Type:** multiple-choice

Question: Which apartment is closest to the student's classes?

Options: [The apartment on Beetle Road, The apartment on Oakington Avenue, The apartment on Mead Street, The Devon Close apartment]

Answer: The apartment on Oakington Avenue

Explanation: Speaker 1 says at [00:01:09] "The other three bedroom apartment is on Oakington Avenue on campus. It is right near the building where you have classes..."

3. **Type:** t-f-ng

Question: The apartment on Mead Street includes a DVD player.

Options: [True, False, Not Given]

Answer: False

Explanation: At [00:02:22], Speaker 1 states, "Well, this place has a great TV and VCR, but no DVD player?".

4. **Type:** t-f-ng

Question: The apartment on Devon Close provides free breakfast and lunch.

Options: [True, False, Not Given]

Answer: False

Explanation: At [00:03:30], Speaker 1 says, "There's a dining hall downstairs, so all evening meals are free. You can purchase breakfast and lunch..."

5. **Type:** multiple-choice

Question: Which feature is missing in the Devon Close apartment?

Options: [A bathroom inside the apartment, A study with a lamp, Free evening meals, Access to a dining hall]

Answer: A bathroom inside the apartment

Explanation: At [00:03:41], Speaker 1 mentions, "...\$500 per month, but there's no bathroom.". Followed by, "Well, there's no bathroom in the apartment, but there's one at the end of the hall" at [00:03:47].

6. **Type:** t-f-ng

Question: The student prefers the apartment on Beetle Road over the one on Devon Close.

Options: [True, False, Not Given]

Answer: Not Given

Explanation: At [00:03:58], Speaker 2 says, "I think I choose either this apartment or the one on Beatle Road." This implies he is considering both and does not show a preference of Beetle Road over the other.

7. **Type:** multiple-choice

Question: What is the rent for a room with an air conditioner in the Oakington Avenue dormitory?

Options: [\$435 per month, \$400 per month, \$340 per month, \$600 per month]

Answer: \$400 per month

Explanation: At [00:01:34], Speaker 1 says, "\$400 per month for a bedroom with an air conditioner..."