

COMMUNICATION

# I'm looking for a place

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English

## Learning outcomes

- I can understand the language used in a simple housing advertisement.
- I can compare different housing advertisements.





# Warm-up

**Briefly describe** where you live.



*Is it a house or an apartment?*

*Is the building old or new?*

*Do you like your neighbourhood?*

rent



I pay **rent** every month to live in my apartment.

deposit



I must also pay a **deposit** when I move in.



to settle down



to rent



utilities



I would like **to settle down** and buy a house.

We sign a contract **to rent** our apartment.

I must also pay **utilities**, like heating and electricity.



# Looking for an apartment



I **am renting** a small apartment now.

I want **to settle down** in a nice neighbourhood.





# Looking for an apartment



How much is the security **deposit**?

I want **to rent** an apartment that is not too expensive.



**Utilities** are included in the **rent**.

We **are settling down** in a quiet neighbourhood.





# Match the pairs of sentences

**1** I am looking for a cheap apartment.

**2** I am buying my house.

**3** I don't want to live in a big city.

**4** I did not buy my apartment.

**5** You don't have to pay for utilities.

**a** I want to settle down in the country.

**b** You only pay a deposit and rent.

**c** The rent cannot be too high.

**d** I am not renting it.

**e** I am renting it for a short time.





# Which word does not belong? Why?

rent

neighbourhood

utilities

deposit

# Using the preposition *for*

I am **looking**



**for** a new apartment.

She is **searching**



**for** a house with a garage.

We are **looking**



**for** a place with low rent.

We use the preposition *for* with verbs like **search** and **look**. Usually, these verbs are in the present continuous form.



# Review of countable and uncountable nouns

Remember to use **much** with uncountable nouns, and **many** with countable nouns.  
We also use **much** with comparative adjectives

**much**

**How much** is the rent?

I have **so much** space in my new house.

My new apartment is **much more** expensive than my old apartment.

**many**

**How many** rooms are there?

We have **many** bedrooms in my new house.

My new apartment has **many more** cupboards than my old apartment.



# Complete the sentences

**1** I am searching...

**2** I am looking for...

**3** I want to...

**4** I hope...

**5** I would like...

**a** move in next month.

**b** the rent is not too high.

**c** a two-bedroom apartment in the city.

**d** for a new place.

**e** to find a place with a garden.



## Correct the mistakes in the text

I am rent a new apartment in New York City. It has much rooms and a large kitchen. It is much more cheaper than my old apartment. I pay \$800 per month, and utilities are not included. It am a nice place to live and settle down.



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**contract**



They are signing a **contract** to rent the apartment.



landlord



My **landlord** is the person I pay rent to.

to adapt



It takes time **to adapt** to a new place.

apartment complex



I live in an apartment in a large **apartment complex**.



# Looking for a new home



I **rent** a small apartment, but I would prefer to buy a house.

I pay rent to my **landlord** every month.





# Looking for a new home



I don't like living in an **apartment complex**.

I don't want to pay a large security **deposit** or **rent** every month.



I signed a **contract** to buy my new house.

I **am adapting** to my new **neighbourhood**.





We are the **tenants** of this apartment.

A person who rents a room, building, or land is called a **tenant**.



# Who are these homes suitable for?

You can discuss the advertisements in **breakout rooms** or **as a class**.

## Places for rent!



Studio apartment in the city centre. Rent is €1400 per month, with a deposit of €4000.



Comfortable suburban apartment. £600 per month. No security deposit.



Modern apartment in the artists' district for rent. No security deposit, and utilities not included.

# Complete the sentences in the advertisement

I am \_\_\_\_\_ for a new apartment between the park and the city centre. I would love to have two bedrooms and a large \_\_\_\_\_. I can afford \$800 \_\_\_\_\_ a month. I can also pay a \_\_\_\_\_ when I move in.



rent

deposit

kitchen

searching



# Create a short advertisement for each profile

What **kind of place** might these people be looking for?



a busy doctor



family of four



a dog owner



an elderly couple



Doctor: Modern  
apartment close to the  
hospital.  
€850 a month.



# Vocabulary brainstorm



**Think of two questions to ask a new landlord.**

**What is important to you?**

# Write an advertisement for your home

Imagine you want to rent your apartment.  
Write an advertisement with three sentences about your apartment.

As a class, decide which apartment to move into!



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# End of the lesson

Idiom

*as safe as houses*

**Meaning:** completely safe

**Example:** This neighbourhood is as safe as houses. You don't need to lock your doors at night!



# Additional practice





# Choose the correct word

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ is an amount of money that you usually pay before you move into a rented apartment or home.

a. deposit

b. rent

2 It can be difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ when you move from the countryside to the city.

a. rent

b. adapt

3 How \_\_\_\_\_ rooms are there in your flat?

a. much

b. many



# Fill in the gaps



1 The \_\_\_\_\_ is much more expensive in the city centre.

2 The house in the country is \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Do you like your new \_\_\_\_\_?

4 My kitchen is bright because of the two large \_\_\_\_\_.

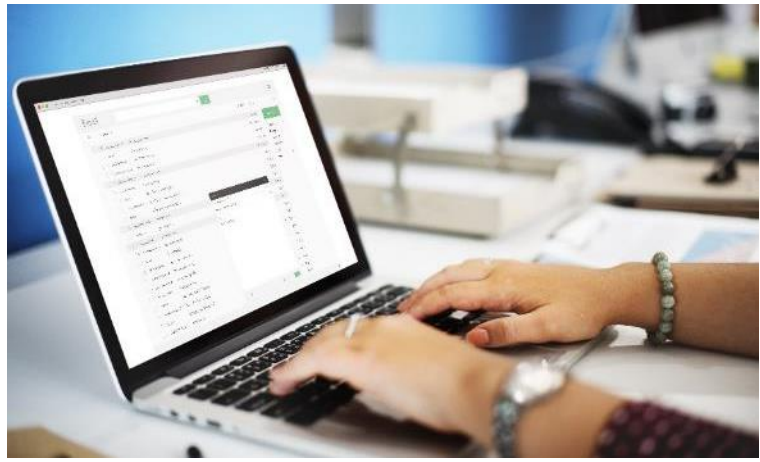
5 Are \_\_\_\_\_ included in the cost?

windows  
rent  
neighbourhood  
deposit  
for sale  
utilities



# Searching for a place

**How did you find your current place?**



**What did you have to do before you moved in?**





## Answer key

**P.8:** 1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. b

**P.12:** 1. d 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. e

**P.13:** am renting; many rooms; much cheaper; It is

**P.20:** searching; kitchen; rent; deposit

**P.27:** 1. a 2. b 3. b

**P.28:** 1. rent 2. for sale 3. neighbourhood 4. windows 5. utilities



# Summary

## Vocabulary related to renting a flat:

- *rent; deposit; to rent; utilities; contract; landlord; apartment complex*
- *to settle down; to adapt*
- *I want **to rent** a flat.*

## The preposition *for*:

- Use the preposition **for** with verbs like **search** and **look**.
- Usually, these verbs are in the present continuous form.
- *I am **looking for** a new flat.*

## Countable and uncountable nouns:

- Use **much** with uncountable nouns and comparative adjectives.
- Use **many** with countable nouns.
- ***How much** is the rent? **How much more** expensive is it than the other one? **How many** rooms are there?*



# Vocabulary

rent

deposit

to settle down

to rent

utilities

contract

landlord

to adapt

apartment complex



