

# Writing an ad to rent a house

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Intermediate

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English





## Goals

- Can describe the layout and location of a house.
- Can correctly construct a short ad to rent out a house.

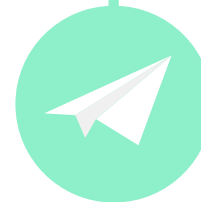




I heard you're looking for a new place.

**There is** a great property **near the city centre.**

It's a ground floor studio **next to** a beautiful park. Are you interested?





## Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, students will learn how to construct a **simple ad** to rent **a house**.



Near shops or near schools, there is a perfect property for you!



## Vocabulary review

apartment

property

house

rent

listing

utilities

deposit

furnished





## *There is and there are*

- We can use **there is** and **there are** to describe what we find **in our house** or in **our neighbourhood**.
- **There is** + a singular noun
- **There are** + plural noun



**There is** a large kitchen close to the entrance.

**There are** lots of shops in this area.





Look at the two photos

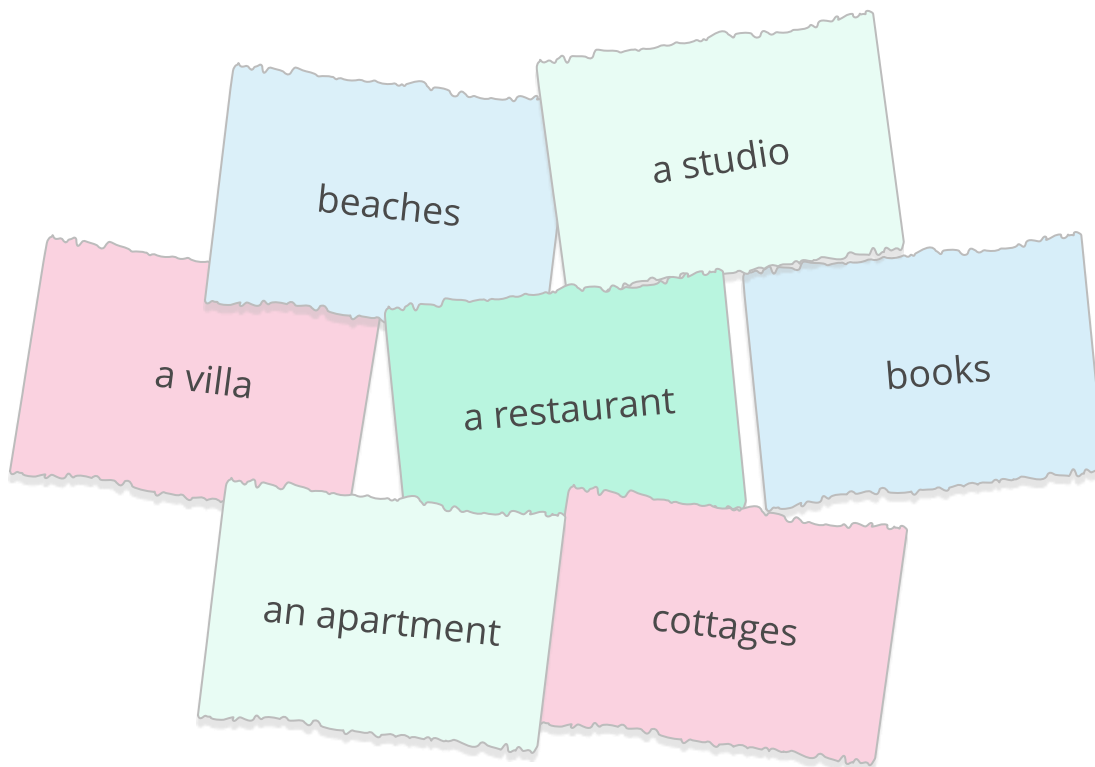
Describe the pictures using *there is* and *there are*.





## Create sentences

Use *there is* or *there are* and the given nouns to make sentences.





on the ground floor

on the first floor



The pool is **on the ground floor** but the bedrooms are **on the first floor**.

next to

behind the



The couple waits **behind the** door. The man stands **next to** his wife.

above

below



The balcony is **above** the street. The street is **below** the balcony.





**Look at the picture**

**What do you see in the kitchen? Make notes about the picture then answer the questions on the next slide.**





## True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The sink is below the window.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The refrigerator is next to the sink.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The lights are above the tabletop.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The microwave is above the stove.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The oven is below the stove.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Describe where the rooms are in your house

What rooms are there on the ground floor?

On the first floor?

What is above or below each room?





## New words

near school

My apartment is **near school** because I spend all my time there!



near shops

I live **near shops**, so I can get anything I need.



near the city centre

Living **near the city centre** is expensive but exciting.



## transport links



A neighbourhood must have good **transport links**.





## New words

**spacious**

If a place is **spacious**, there is a lot of open room.



**modern**

**Modern** means new, or current.



**stylish**

**Stylish** means in fashion now.





## New words in context



An empty room is very **spacious**.

The kitchen has **modern** appliances.



I like to be **stylish**, so I go to the shops every weekend.



## Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps using the words from the box on the right.

1. Her home is very \_\_\_\_\_. She has a large open studio with high ceilings.
2. I follow fashion, and I like to be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I cook every day. I like to walk to the grocer's. It's important that I live \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My neighbourhood has \_\_\_\_\_. It is easy to take the bus anywhere.
5. I work at the university so my apartment is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He doesn't live \_\_\_\_\_ because there are too many people. It is too loud for him.
7. The office has very \_\_\_\_\_ furniture and appliances. Everything is new.

stylish

near shops

good transport links

modern

near school

spacious

near the city centre



## Discuss

**Which of these are there near to where you live? Which are not near to where you live?**

schools

shops

city centre

transport links



## Speaking

**Look at the two families below.  
What would they like to live near to?**





## Categorise

**You plan to buy a house.  
Categorise these items as more important or less important.**

good transport  
links

stylish dining room

near school

near shops

spacious bathroom

near city centre

modern appliances

spacious bedroom

more important

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less important

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## Discuss

**Is it more important for your home to be spacious, modern or stylish? Why?**





## Read the following rental ads

Spacious, studio. Fully furnished, close to centre  
£520 pcm, utilities not incl.

Modern 2 bedroom apartment, large kitchen, close to transport.  
£700 pcm, bills included

4 bedroom family house, spacious, near schools. £2,000 pcm all bills and appliances incl.

Small student apartment, close to university and city centre. £400 pcm all incl.





## Who wants what?

Now match the ads to an appropriate person. Be sure to explain your choice.

Spacious, studio. Fully furnished, close to centre  
£520 pcm, utilities not incl.



**Bob, 19**  
**Biology Student**



**Pam & Dave, 45 & 49**  
**Parents**

Modern 2 bedroom apartment, large kitchen £700 pcm, bills included

4 bedroom family house, near schools. £2,000 pcm all bills and appliances incl.



**Jamie, 23**  
**Engineer**



**Tom & Gareth, 29 & 31**  
**Teacher & Nurse**

Small apartment, close to university and city centre. £400 pcm all incl.



## Writing

**You want to rent your apartment. Write a listing for it using as much new vocabulary as you can. Follow the model below to help you.**

Are you looking for a new home?

This beautiful 3-bedroom home is new and stylish.  
It is near shops and 20 minutes from the city centre.  
There is a spacious kitchen with modern appliances. Next  
to the kitchen is a modern dining room...

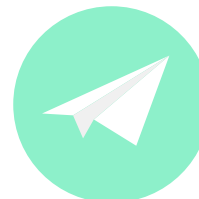


## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



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If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



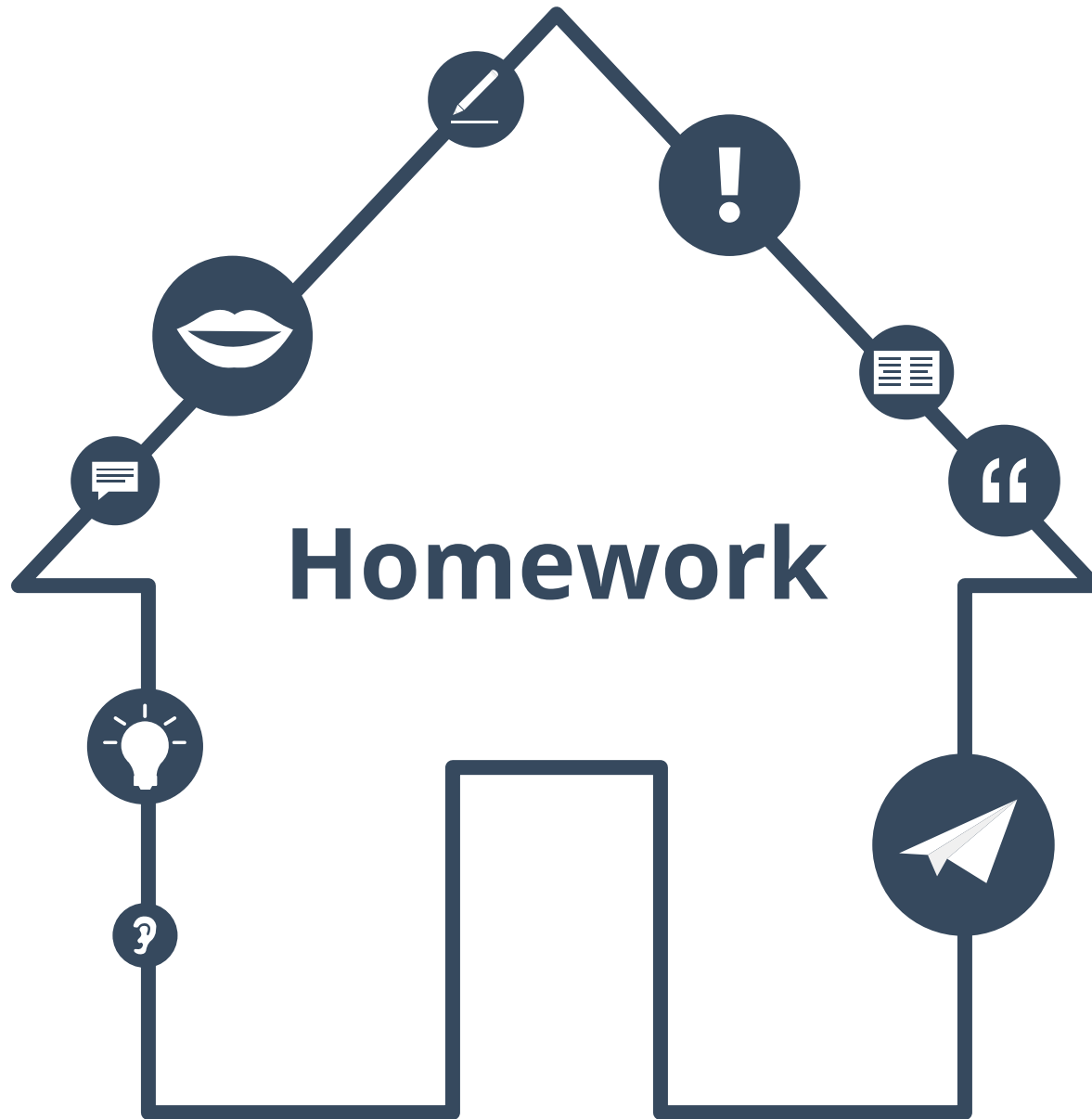
## Answer key

### Exercise 1, p.13

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2. F
3. T
4. T
5. T

### Exercise 2, p.19

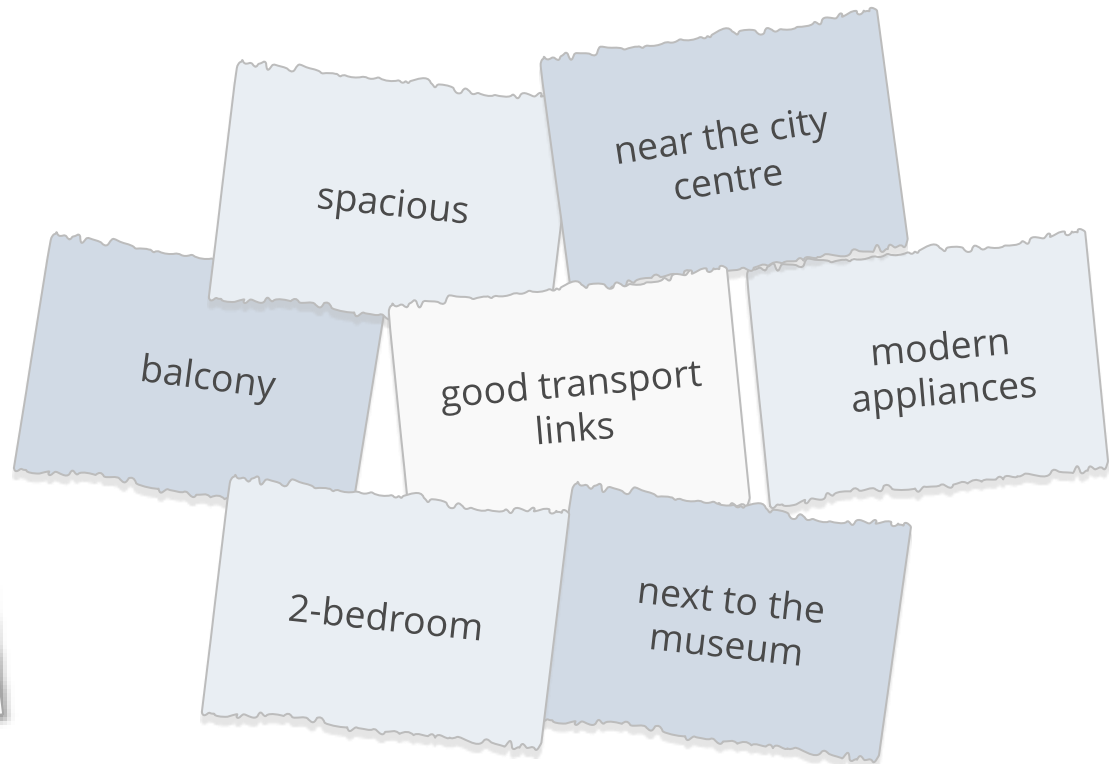
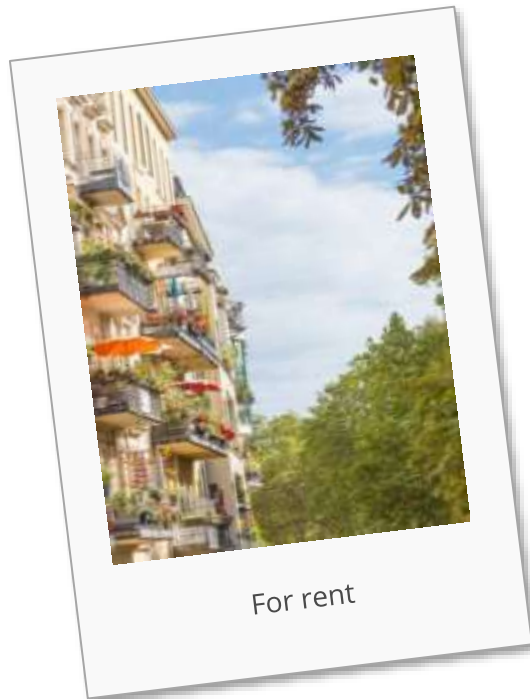
1. spacious
2. stylish
3. near shops
4. good transport links
5. near school
6. near the city centre
7. modern





## Writing homework

**Write a property listing using the items below.  
Remember to use the new vocabulary from this lesson.**





## Observe

**Look around your room.**  
**Make a list of things you see using *there is* and *there are*.**

○	There is a small table with a lamp. There are cushions on the
○	bed.
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