# Relocating and looking for a flat

**VOCABULARY** 

LEVEL Intermediate

NUMBER EN\_BE\_2641V LANGUAGE English





- Can correctly use vocabulary relating to relocating for work.
- Can use simple vocabulary specific to renting accommodation.







# **Preview and warm-up**

In this lesson, you are going to learn words and phrases relating to **relocating and looking for a flat**.



I'm **renting** a three bedroom flat with two other **tenants**.



# house

bungalow

studio

city centre

suburbs

kitchen

apartment

bathroom

bedroom

living room

neighbourhood



property



# **Examples with the words**



My house is in a very quiet neighbourhood.

The property is in the city centre.





Mary loves living in the suburbs where there are fewer people.



# **Examples with the words**



Our bungalow has a brand new bathroom.

The kitchen in the studio flat is well equipped.





John's apartment has a bedroom and a living-room.



to rent

tenant

flatmates

We're **renting** a house for €1500/month.

A person who rents a house or apartment is the **tenant**.

Jessy shares the apartment with two **flatmates**.







## landlord

# landlady

The owner of a property is called either **landlord** or **landlady**.



The **landlord** and the **landlady** came together to sign the contract.



# Fill in the gaps

#### Fill in the gaps with the following words.

tenants landlady flatmates landlord to rent

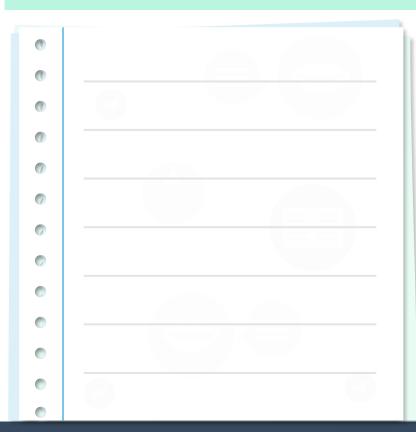
- 1. We \_\_\_\_\_ a flat in the suburbs of Barcelona.
- 2. Sam shares the house with two \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ who live in Alan's studio flat, pay the rent in cash.
- 4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a very nice man, he will come and fix this broken tap.
- 5. My \_\_\_\_\_\_ is lovely, she made a special soup for me when I became very ill.







# Write questions with the words that you have just learnt. flatmate / tenant / landlord / landlady / to rent







Answer the questions that you or your classmates have written.





tenancy

My **tenancy** ends at the beginning of next year.

contract

We signed a one-year **contract** with the landlord.

rent

How much is the **rent**? 350 or 400 EUR per month?

damage deposit

If you destroy the kitchen, we won't get the **damage deposit** back.



utilities

Our rent does not include **utilities**, like gas or electricity.

gas bill

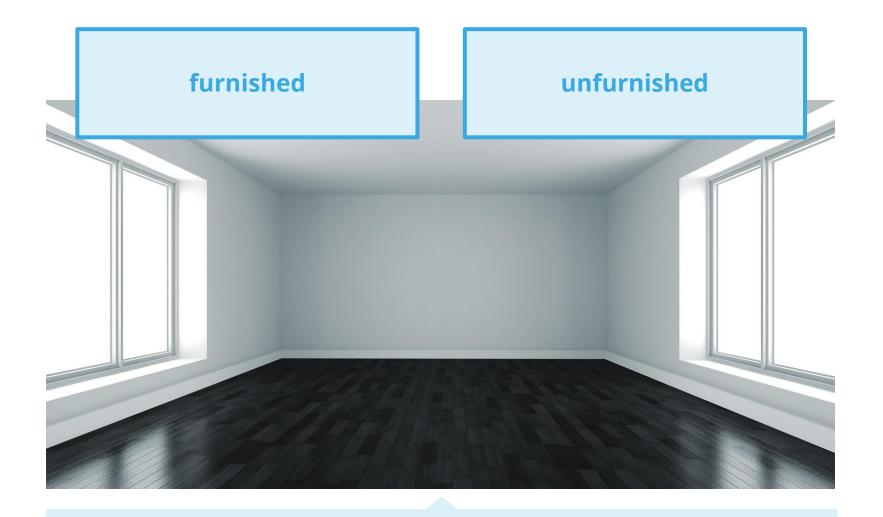
The company's **gas bill** is higher during winter.

water bill

The water bill shows how much water we consumed.

electricity bill

My **electricity bill** is almost nothing because I use LED bulbs.



It is usually more expensive to rent a **furnished** flat than an **unfurnished** one.



# **Unscramble**





# **Complete the advertisement**

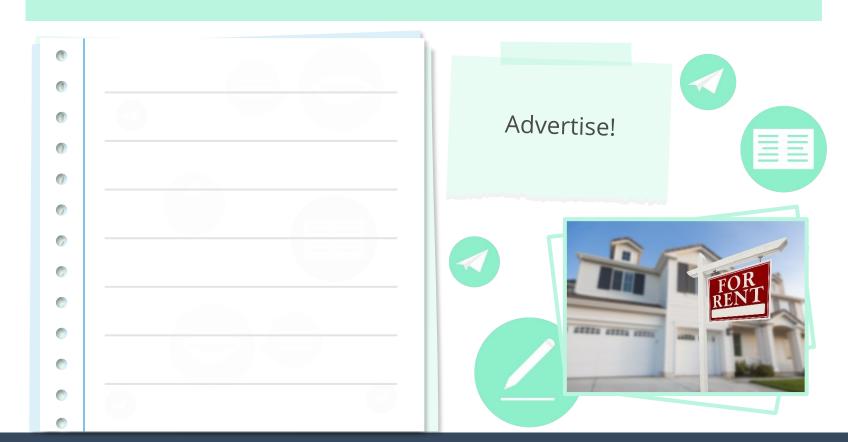
#### Read and complete the advertisement with the words given.

\_\_\_\_\_studio flat for rent from early September. It is located in the centre of Oxford.
\_\_\_\_\_: £850/month.
\_\_\_\_\_(electricity, water, gas): approximately £75/month.
Two months \_\_\_\_\_\_ is required.
Minimum one year \_\_\_\_\_\_.
Call Andy on +44 7756 8932.





# Write your own advertisement. Use the previous exercise as an example.



# to move into

## to move out of



As soon as we **move out of** the old building we can **move into** the new house.



to pack up

to box up

to give away

You have to **pack up** everything before you move out of your office.

We have spare boxes to **box up** our belongings.

You can **give away** the unnecessary furniture from your room.









# **Matching**

#### Complete the sentences by matching two parts.

- 1. Before Khai moved into his new room,
- a) office before they moved into the new building.
- 2. I have to box up my belongings as
- b) he had to give away some furniture.
- 3. They packed up everything in the
- c) instead of selling them.

- 4. I gave away many of my clothes to charity
- d) I am moving out of my flat on Saturday.



# **Answer the questions**

# Answer the following questions.



Have you ever moved into or out of an apartment?

How long did it take to pack up your belongings?

Have you ever given away any of your possessions?



Moving to another country or city is different to moving from one flat or house to another. Now think about the challenges of moving to another city or country. Consider the following:





#### Read the text

Sheila was very excited about moving to another country for work. She ended up finding a fully furnished room. It was her first time renting and having flatmates. The landlady seemed very nice and the rent was under her budget. It was only €250 + utilities and she only had to pay a one-month damage deposit when she moved in. She didn't want to think about moving countries again. It was a lot of work packing and boxing everything up. She had to give some things away, but she didn't mind. After she signed the contract, she was ready to start her new life!





## Find the words

#### Read the descriptions and find the words in the text.

- 1. A fixed amount of money paid regularly for a property.
- 2. People someone lives with.
- 3. You pay this when renting something, it is then returned after
- 4. With furniture already.
- 5. The owner of the house/flat you are renting.



# Imagine your company has told you that you can relocate to any country you like for work.



Where are you going to relocate to?

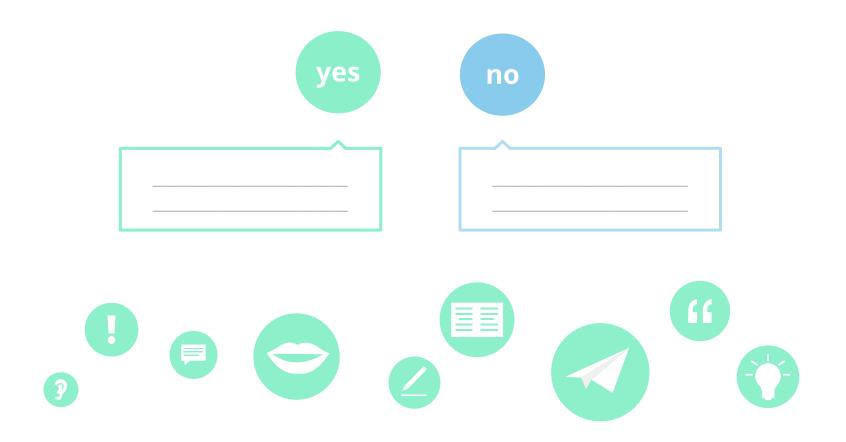
Are you going to rent or buy a place?

If you rent, how long will the contract be for?



# 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.





# Reflect on this lesson

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





# **Answer key**

- Exercise 4, p.25

  1. Rent
  2. Flatmates
  3. Damage deposit
  4. Furnished
  5. Landlady
  - Exercise 3, p.21

    1. B

    2. D

    4. C
- 3. The rent includes water and electricity but does not include gas.
  - 2. We found an unfurnished flat with a one-year contract.
- 1. They return the two-month damage deposit at the end of our tenancy.

#### Fxercise 2, p.16

- 4. landlord 5. landlady
- 3. tenants
- 2. flatmates
  - 1. rent
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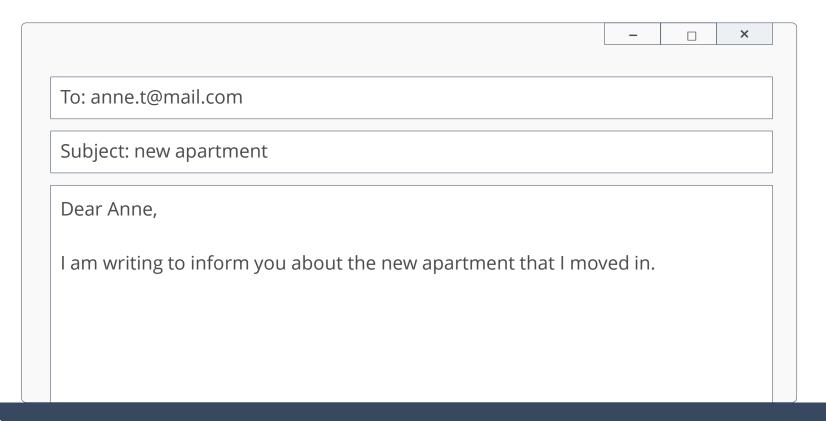
#### Unscramble the words.





# **Homework writing activity**

Write an email to your colleague. Tell her/him about the new flat that you moved in. Write about the location, the price, your flatmates or landlord and the moving procedure.





# Homework answer key

Vbelbnel .7 2.damage deposit 3.utilities 4.tenancy

6. contract

5. give away 1. unfurnished Fxercise 1, p.31



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