

Daily Life - Looking for an Apartment (C0086)

A: Hi! We are the Christianson's! We are here to see the apartment.

B: Oh, hi! Sure, come on in! Well, as you can see, the place has just been renovated. The previous tenants left a huge mess here, so the landlord has redone everything.

A: It looks great. It's so bright and airy! What great light! I really like these hardwood floors. What's the square footage of this place?

B: Well, it's about 120 square meters, or 1300 square feet, more or less. Oh, the landlord has also installed new kitchen appliances. There's a new dishwasher, and a professional-grade gas range. Really, at this price, this place is an amazing deal!

A: I love it! But what are the payment terms?

B: First and last month rent as deposit and rent is due on the 1st of every month. Considering the amount of money invested into the apartment, it's a very good deal!

A: Yes, it is! Too good to be true...

B: The living room and dinning room are quite spacious as you can see, and down this hall, here's the master bedroom. It has a huge walk-in closet and an en suit bathroom. We can't go in there yet as the police... I mean the clean up crew hasn't finished.

A: What do you mean? What's in here?

Key Vocabulary

come on in *phrase* please come in

tenant *common noun, plural* the person that rents a house

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| mess | <i>common noun, singular</i> | disorder, unorganized |
| landlord | <i>common noun, singular</i> | the owner of the apartment |
| airy | <i>Adjective</i> | spacious so that air moves freely |
| square footage | <i>common noun, non-variable</i> | showing how big one space is measured in feet |
| appliance | <i>common noun, plural</i> | electric equipment found in a house |
| professional-grade | <i>Adjective</i> | good enough to satisfy professional use |
| gas range | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a stove that uses gas to cook |
| spacious | <i>Adjective</i> | large; having lots of space |

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| walk-in closet | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a room contained in a bedroom for storing clothes |
| en suite bathroom | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a bathroom within the main bedroom |

Supplementary Vocabulary

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| attic | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a room or space that is just below the roof of a building and that is often used to store things |
| basement | <i>common noun, singular</i> | the part of a building that is entirely or partly below the ground |
| lawn | <i>common noun, singular</i> | an area of ground (such as the ground around a house or in a garden or park) that is covered with short grass |
| real estate | <i>common noun, singular</i> | the business of selling land and buildings |



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verb

to allow someone to use (something) for a period of time in return for payment