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LLSL13: Renting an Apartment

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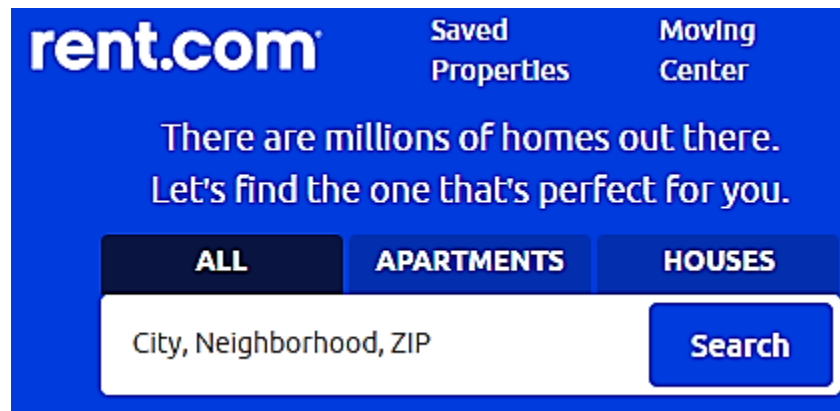
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Section 1: Introduction

People can find apartments for rent on different websites (Rent.com) and apps (Zillow).

Go to [Rent.com](#) or [Zillow.com](#) or use the apps. Type in your city name. What is available in your area?





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Below is a picture of an apartment for rent. Many ads may have **abbreviations** (shortened forms of words). For example, “**mo**” is for “months” and “/” is for “per.” So, how would you read the advertisement below? It will cost how much? \$2,300 per month. “Per” means “each.”



Section 2: Vocabulary

Here are more common words and abbreviations, shortened words, used to rent apartments. Match the vocabulary on top with the definitions on the bottom.

Abbreviations and Important Words

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. apt | 6. to lease ____ | 11. security deposit ____ |
| 2. bds | 7. utilities _ | 12. air-conditioned ____ |
| 3. ba | 8. pets | 13. laundry facilities ____ |
| 4. sqft | 9. landlord ____ | |
| 5. to rent ____ | 10. parking | |

Definitions and Explanations

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| A. to pay money to live in | E. to pay money for a period of time |
| B. a place to wash clothes | F. apartment |
| C. to have a machine that keeps the place cool | G. animals that live in your house-
dogs, cats, birds |
| D. a person who rents a place to live | H. bedrooms |





- I. square feet
- J. money you give a landlord before you rent an apartment
- K. gas, water, electricity
- L. a place to park your car
- M. bathrooms

Section 3: Answering Questions Practice

Read the rental ads. Answer the questions on the right.

Wonderfully located downtown

Location: Downtown
Rent: \$680.00
Size: 1 bedroom
Distance to University: 25 minutes by car/40 minutes by subway.
Public Transportation: 2 minutes from the subway/Near all major bus routes.
Pets: No pets allowed.
Facilities in Building: Pool/Weight room.
Neighborhood: Busy downtown neighborhood close to the theaters, restaurants, pubs, and shopping centers.
Parking: Private underground parking.

1. How much is the rent? _____
2. How big is it? _____
3. How far is it to the public transportation? _____
4. What is the neighborhood like?

5. Are pets allowed? _____

Affordable and quiet apartment

Location: South side of town.
Rent: \$420.00
Size: 2 bedroom
Distance to University: 15 minutes by car/30 minutes by bus.
Public Transportation: 5 minute walk to a major bus route.
Pets: Pets allowed.
Facilities in Building: None.
Neighborhood: Quiet residential neighborhood close to parks.
Parking: Private parking available for \$20.00 per month.

6. Where is it located? _____
7. How big is it? _____
8. Are there any facilities in the building? _____
9. What is the neighborhood like?

10. Is there any private parking?





Practice: Find an apartment ad in Rent or Zillow. Answer the questions below. Save a copy of the ad to show your tutor.

1. Where is it located? _____
2. How big is it? _____
3. Are there any facilities in the building?

4. Are pets allowed? _____
5. Is there any private parking? _____

Section 4: Practice with Questions



[Listen to the conversation](#). Practice repeating the questions you hear. Then write the correct questions in the blanks below.

Landlord: Hello.

Renter: Hi, I'm calling about the apartment for rent. Is it still available?

Landlord: Yes, it's available. Would you like to see it?

Renter: Yes, but would you mind if I ask you a few questions over the phone first?

Landlord: No, not at all. What do you need to know?

Renter: _____

Landlord: The rent is \$2,000 per month.

Renter: _____

Landlord: The bus stop is two minutes away.

Renter: _____

Landlord: No. Pets are not allowed.

Possible Questions:

Where is it located?

When is it available?

How much is the rent?

How big is it?

How close is it to the public transportation?

Are pets okay?





You will finish this conversation with the tutor.





Section 5: What Did I Learn?

Complete this table BEFORE meeting with a tutor.

Communication Skill	I can't do this YET. 	I can do this WITH help. 	I can do this WITHOUT help. 	I can TEACH this to a classmate. 
I can understand rental ads, including abbreviations.				
I can use Rent or Zillow to search for an apartment.				
I can ask questions about renting.				
Here are some words I need to practice.				




Good job!

Now go to the [LLC Tutoring Website](#) and make an appointment with a tutor.

Section 6: Practice with a Tutor!

Meet with a tutor. Give this paper to the tutor. The tutor will review your work and talk with you. You will talk about an apartment ad with the tutor.

Grading Rubric

Possible Points	Need Practice  (0-1 Point)	Good Job  (2-3 Points)	Excellent Work  (4-5 Points)
Content	Not enough information provided in responses and often does not use correct vocabulary.	Provides most important information in responses and some of the time uses correct vocabulary.	Provides all necessary information in responses and most of the time uses correct vocabulary.








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Possible Points	Need Practice  (0-1 Point)	Good Job  (2-3 Points)	Excellent Work  (4-5 Points)
Skill: Speaking	More than 6 mistakes saying words; needs guessing more than 3 times.	Not more than 5 mistakes saying words; needs guessing on 1-2 words or sentences.	Not more than 2 mistakes saying words; needs no guess about meaning.
Oral Fluency	Speaks mostly in phrases, individual words; many pauses.	Sometimes speaks in complete sentences; several pauses.	Speaks in complete sentences; a couple pauses okay.

***Students must receive at least 10 points to move on**

Possible Points: _____ / 15

Tutor Comments:

☐ **Congratulations! Keep going.**

You have successfully completed this SDLA and are ready to continue to the next.

☐ **Work on this more.**

You have not yet mastered this SDLA. It is recommended that you complete it again.

Tutor Signature: _____

Date: _____

