

Daily English Vocabulary – Lesson 4: Home and House

Level: A2 | Everyday English | Student Worksheet

Vocabulary

Renting and housing

rent (verb/noun)	To pay money regularly to use a property that belongs to someone else.	<i>"I rent a one-bedroom flat in the city centre. The rent is 900 pounds a month."</i>
landlord (noun)	The person who owns a property and rents it to other people.	<i>"My landlord is very helpful. He fixes problems quickly."</i>
flatmate (noun)	A person who lives with you in the same flat, sharing the cost.	<i>"I share the flat with a flatmate. We split the rent and bills equally."</i>
furnished (adjective)	A property that already has furniture in it when you rent it.	<i>"The flat is fully furnished, so I did not need to buy anything."</i>
lease (noun)	A legal agreement that allows you to use a property for a set period.	<i>"I signed a twelve-month lease before moving in."</i>
deposit (noun)	A sum of money paid before moving in, returned at the end if property is undamaged.	<i>"I paid a deposit of one month's rent before I could move in."</i>

Location and neighbourhood

within walking distance (phrase)	Close enough to reach on foot without needing transport.	<i>"The flat is within walking distance of the train station."</i>
neighbourhood (noun)	The area around the place where you live; the local community.	<i>"I love my neighbourhood. There are great cafes, parks, and shops nearby."</i>
residential area (noun phrase)	A part of a town where people live, rather than where businesses operate.	<i>"It is a quiet residential area — very peaceful and safe."</i>
convenient (adjective)	Easy to use or reach; saving you time or effort.	<i>"The location is very convenient. I can walk to work in ten minutes."</i>
noisy (adjective)	Making or full of a lot of loud, unpleasant sound.	<i>"The flat is above a bar, so it can be very noisy at weekends."</i>
peaceful (adjective)	Calm and quiet; free from noise or disturbance.	<i>"I love how peaceful it is here. You can hear birds in the morning."</i>

Problems and improvements

damp (noun/adjective)	Unwanted moisture in walls or ceilings, often causing dark patches or a bad smell.	<i>"There is damp in the corner of the bedroom. The landlord needs to fix it."</i>
leak (noun/verb)	When water comes through a hole or crack where it should not.	<i>"The kitchen tap has a leak. Water is dripping onto the floor."</i>
renovation (noun)	Work done to repair and improve a building so it is in better condition.	<i>"The flat is undergoing renovation. It will be ready in three months."</i>
do up (phrasal verb)	To repair and improve a property; to renovate.	<i>"They bought an old house and spent two years doing it up."</i>
heating (noun)	The system that makes a building warm, such as radiators.	<i>"The heating is very old and does not work properly in the winter."</i>
sort out (phrasal verb)	To deal with and fix a problem.	<i>"The landlord promised to sort out the broken boiler before we move in."</i>

Exercise 1: Listening

Listen to the conversation. Then answer the questions below.

Conversation

Grace: I heard you are moving next month. Where are you going?

Theo: To a two-bedroom flat in Westfield. I am renting it with a flatmate to keep the costs down.

Grace: Is it furnished?

Theo: Partly. The location is brilliant — it is within walking distance of the station.

Grace: What is the neighbourhood like?

Theo: Really pleasant. It is a residential area, so it is quite peaceful. There is a park around the corner.

Theo: There is some damp in the bathroom and the heating system is quite old.

Theo: The landlord has agreed to sort out the damp before we move in.

Grace: Always worth checking these things before you sign the lease.

Answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. Why is Theo renting with a flatmate?

a) He does not want to live alone. b) To keep the costs down. c) The landlord required it. d) The flat is too big for one person.

2. What does Theo say about the furniture?

a) The flat is fully furnished. b) The flat has no furniture at all. c) The landlord has provided the main pieces but they need a few more things. d) They need to buy all the furniture themselves.

3. What does Theo like about the location?

a) It has a park inside the building. b) It is within walking distance of the station. c) It is near the city centre. d) It is on a quiet residential street.

4. What type of area is it?

a) A busy commercial area b) A noisy city centre c) A residential area d) An industrial area

5. What problem does the flat have?

a) A broken boiler and a leak b) Damp in the bathroom and old heating c) Noisy neighbours and no parking d) A broken lease and missing furniture

6. What has the landlord agreed to do?

a) Replace the heating system b) Fully furnish the flat c) Sort out the damp before they move in d) Reduce the rent

Exercise 2: True or False?

Read each sentence. Write True or False on the line.

1. A "landlord" is the person who rents a property from someone else.

Answer: _____

2. A "furnished" flat already has furniture in it when you move in.

Answer: _____

3. A "lease" is a legal agreement that allows you to use a property for a set period.

Answer: _____

4. "Damp" refers to problems with the electrical system in a house.

Answer: _____

5. "Within walking distance" means a place is too far to reach on foot.

Answer: _____

6. A "residential area" is a part of a town where people live rather than where businesses operate.

Answer: _____

7. "Sort out" means to make a problem worse.

Answer: _____

8. A "deposit" is money paid before moving in, which can be returned at the end of the lease.

Answer: _____

Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. She shares the flat with a ____ to help pay the bills.

a) landlord b) deposit c) lease d) flatmate

2. The flat is ____ — it has a sofa, a bed, and a dining table already.

a) peaceful b) convenient c) noisy d) furnished

3. There is a ____ under the kitchen sink. Water is dripping onto the floor.

a) damp b) leak c) renovation d) deposit

4. The flat is very ____ for work. I can walk there in five minutes.

a) quiet b) peaceful c) furnished d) convenient

5. They want to ____ the old farmhouse and turn it into a comfortable home.

a) sort out b) rent out c) do up d) lease

6. I pay my ____ on the first of every month by bank transfer.

a) deposit b) lease c) renovation d) rent

7. The ____ is great — there are parks, cafes, and a market nearby.

a) lease b) deposit c) neighbourhood d) heating

8. The ____ broke down in January and it took two weeks to fix it.

a) lease b) damp c) deposit d) heating

Exercise 4: Matching

Match each word or phrase (A) to its meaning (B).

A – Word / Phrase	B – Meaning
1. landlord ____	7. Close enough to reach on foot
2. lease ____	2. A legal agreement allowing you to use a property for a set period
3. deposit ____	3. Money paid before moving in, returned at the end if the property is undamaged
4. damp ____	1. The person who owns a property and rents it to others
5. do up ____	6. To deal with and fix a problem
6. sort out ____	4. Unwanted moisture in walls or ceilings, causing patches or bad smells
7. within walking distance ____	5. To repair and improve a property; to renovate
8. residential area ____	8. A part of a town where people live rather than where businesses operate

Exercise 5: Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box.

Word Bank: landlord | deposit | within walking distance | damp | up | neighbourhood | sort out | peaceful

1. The ____ agreed to repaint the walls before we moved in.

2. I paid a ____ of two months rent before I could get the keys.

3. The flat is ____ of my office, which saves me a lot of time.

4. There is serious ____ in the corner of the living room. The ceiling is turning black.

5. They spent a year doing the house ____ before moving in. It looks completely different now.

6. The ____ has changed a lot. There are new restaurants and a cinema now.

7. Can you ____ the problem with the boiler? It has not been working for three days.
8. It is a very ____ street. You can hear nothing except birds in the morning.

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Put each word or phrase into the correct group.

Word Bank: landlord | residential area | convenient | furnished | lease | rent | flatmate | leak | do up | peaceful | deposit | sort out | damp | renovation | neighbourhood | within walking distance

Renting and housing	Location and area	Problems and improvements
_____	_____	_____
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Exercise 7: Complete the Dialogue

Complete the conversation using the words in the box.

Word Bank: rent | furnished | neighbourhood | within walking distance | damp | sort out

1. Mia: Have you found somewhere to live yet? — Ben: Yes! The ____ is really reasonable.
2. Mia: Is it ____? Moving furniture is such hard work.
3. Ben: And the ____ looks great — there are loads of cafes and a market on Saturdays.
4. Mia: What about getting to work? — Ben: Perfect. It is ____ of the office.
5. Ben: There is a bit of ____ in the bathroom.
6. Ben: The landlord has promised to ____ it before I move in.

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2. What does Theo say about the furniture?

Answer: The landlord has provided the main pieces but they need a few more things.

3. What does Theo like about the location?

Answer: It is within walking distance of the station.

4. What type of area is it?

Answer: A residential area

5. What problem does the flat have?

Answer: Damp in the bathroom and old heating

6. What has the landlord agreed to do?

Answer: Sort out the damp before they move in

Exercise 2: True or False?

1. A "landlord" is the person who rents a property from someone else.

Answer: FALSE — A landlord is the person who owns a property and rents it to others.

2. A "furnished" flat already has furniture in it when you move in.

Answer: TRUE

3. A "lease" is a legal agreement that allows you to use a property for a set period.

Answer: TRUE

4. "Damp" refers to problems with the electrical system in a house.

Answer: FALSE — "Damp" refers to unwanted moisture in walls or ceilings, not electrical problems.

5. "Within walking distance" means a place is too far to reach on foot.

Answer: FALSE — "Within walking distance" means it is close enough to walk to.

6. A "residential area" is a part of a town where people live rather than where businesses operate.

Answer: TRUE

7. "Sort out" means to make a problem worse.

Answer: FALSE — "Sort out" means to deal with and fix a problem.

8. A "deposit" is money paid before moving in, which can be returned at the end of the lease.

Answer: TRUE

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Answer: heating

Exercise 4: Matching

1. landlord → 1

The person who owns a property and rents it to others

2. lease → 2

A legal agreement allowing you to use a property for a set period

3. deposit → 3

Money paid before moving in, returned at the end if the property is undamaged

4. damp → 4

Unwanted moisture in walls or ceilings, causing patches or bad smells

5. do up → 5

To repair and improve a property; to renovate

6. sort out → 6

To deal with and fix a problem

7. within walking distance → 7

Close enough to reach on foot

8. residential area → 8

A part of a town where people live rather than where businesses operate

Exercise 5: Gap Fill

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Answer: deposit

3. The flat is ____ of my office, which saves me a lot of time.

Answer: within walking distance

4. There is serious ____ in the corner of the living room. The ceiling is turning black.

Answer: damp

5. They spent a year doing the house ____ before moving in. It looks completely different now.

Answer: up

6. The ____ has changed a lot. There are new restaurants and a cinema now.

Answer: neighbourhood

7. Can you ____ the problem with the boiler? It has not been working for three days.

Answer: sort out

8. It is a very ____ street. You can hear nothing except birds in the morning.

Answer: peaceful

Exercise 6: Word Sort

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Location and area:

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Answer: within walking distance

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Answer: sort out