

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

ROLE PLAY: LETTING THE LANDLORD IN

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

An information interchange for students to practise making arrangements for access to an apartment. In a small group (max. 5 students) each “tenant” has a schedule for the week and must find a mutually convenient time for the “landlord” to access his/her apartment. Students should be able to make the arrangements orally without looking at one another’s schedules.

*note: not all students will be engaged in conversation at the same time. The “landlord” will have to speak to each “tenant” individually, and the other “tenants” can listen and learn from the other conversations.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES: *making arrangements; suggesting (Are you free/available after/before _____ o'clock? Are you busy _____? How about _____?), polite requests (Could I/you come _____?), accepting and refusing (Sorry, I can't..., I'm busy).*

REQUIRED VOCABULARY:

GROUP SIZE: small groups: 1 “landlord” (strongest student) per group, max. 4 “tenants”

HANDOUTS: “Landlord” and “Tenant” schedule worksheets

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: none

RELATED GRAMMAR: modals for polite requests, prepositions of time, sequencing

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Discuss appropriate time for landlord to come, free time activities

Discuss tenants’ rights

Role-play calling the landlord to complain

Students make a date for going to a garage sale or other joint activity.

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WORK SHEET

LANDLORD

You are the landlord and you need to get into you tenants' apartments. Call the tenants and make arrangements that fit your schedules.

This is your calendar this week:

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
Property taxes due. Drop off cheque at city hall.	Drive kids to school Lunch with Mom Pick up kids after school		Paint hallways of apartment building Fix enterphone 2pm plumber	Day Off!	garage sales Kids' soccer game at 3pm	Sunday dinner with the family

THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THIS WEEK:

- Apt #106:** You want to show this apartment to a new tenant one day this week.
- Apt #212:** You need to inspect the smoke detectors and fire extinguisher this week.
- Apt #305:** Your tenant complains about the dishwasher in the apartment being too noisy.
- Apt #916:** There is water damage near the roofline and you want to see if the roof is leaking through the top floor ceilings.

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WORK SHEET

APT #106

Your landlord needs to get into your apartment this week. Make arrangements that fit your schedules.

You work shifts in a factory part-time.

This is your calendar this week:

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
<p>Dentist app't 10:30 am</p> <p>Work: 2-7pm</p>	<p>Pack away winter clothes</p> <p>Work: 2-7pm</p>	<p>day off</p> <p>Work night shift for Jim 8pm-2am</p>	<p>day off</p>	<p>Work: 3-9pm</p>	<p>Farmer's Market 10-2</p> <p>Party at Rob's after 8pm</p>	<p>Pick up Tina at airport 8:15 pm</p>

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APT #212

Your landlord needs to get into your apartment this week. Make arrangements that fit your schedules.

You work in an office downtown 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday.

This is your calendar this week:

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
		Pick up drycleaning after work	Cat to vet before work Office Presentation tomorrow....	Presentation at the office	Bake Kate's birthday cake Wrap Kate's gift	Kate's Birthday Party! 10 am

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WORK SHEET

APT #305

Your landlord needs to get into your apartment this week. Make arrangements that fit your schedules.

You're retired.

This is your calendar this week:

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
Take car to the garage		Pick up prescription at the drug store		Movie with Tess 6:45	Farmer's Market 10-2	Church 10 am

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WORK SHEET

APT #916

Your landlord needs to get into your apartment this week. Make arrangements that fit your schedules.

You run your own busy business with long hours at the office and working at home.

This is your calendar this week:

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
Breakfast meeting at the office Proposal due tomorrow	Proposal Due	Business lunch Meet with new client 2:45	Catch up on paperwork and pay bills	Payday Jake & Robyn here for dinner 7pm	Hockey game 2pm Dinner after the game	Brunch with Sophie and Jo To bed early...busy week ahead