

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE



INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

Students are to check the local housing listings of a newspaper to find apartments and houses for rent that match the worksheet's sample criteria.

***note:** As students will be flipping back and forth between the "apartments" and "houses" sections of the paper, and some of the criteria are easier than others, encourage the students to read through all of the tasks first and feel free to do the "easier" ones first. This should help improve their scanning skills.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES:

REQUIRED VOCABULARY: abbreviations (see previous activity)

GROUP SIZE: individual, pairs

HANDOUTS: Looking for a Place to Live worksheet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: housing listings from the local newspaper, local area map

RELATED GRAMMAR: prepositions of location

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Students make a list of additional abbreviations from the newspaper listings (i.e. H/P, u/g prkg, hydro, SkyTrn, garden lvl., ste., bsmt. ste., nr, reno'd, cls to school, etc.)

Students make role plays "I'm calling about the apartment...."

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WORK SHEET

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Use the “for Rent” section of your newspaper and a local map to find the following homes.

1. Find a 2 bedroom apartment near an elementary school. Are the utilities included? _____

2. Find a house with a yard in a quiet area. How much is the rent? _____

3. Look at apartments under \$600. How many bedrooms do most of them have? _____

4. You have a big dog. Find a house for rent where pets are OK. _____

5. You want to live close to downtown. Find an apartment with parking. _____

6. You have allergies and need an non-smoking, no pets place to rent. _____

7. It’s cold here in winter! Find an apartment or house with a fireplace. _____

8. Your kids aren’t very good about doing their chores. Find an apartment with a dishwasher so you have more time to study after dinner. _____
