

Renting an apartment



■ Dialogue

A. We'd like to rent a flat near the university.

B. Are you looking for somewhere for two people?

A. Yes, we are. Obviously, we'd like something as cheap as possible. We've heard that there are places for 80 to 100 pounds a month.

B. Yes, there are several places available in that price range near the university. Do you have any other requirements?

A. Not really, no. We'd preferably like to live in a quiet street.

B. How many rooms do you need in the flat?

A. We'll need two bedrooms. The kitchen and dining room can be separate or combined.

B. OK. I've got a list of places that fit your requirements. Let's just go through them. The first on the list costs 80 pounds a month, but it's on a noisy street and it's a little far from the university.

A. How far away is it from the campus?



B. It's about two miles away. That might be a little far to walk. Here's one that's about half a mile from the campus. The cost is 100 pounds a month and it's on a small street, just off a main street.

A. That sounds ideal. Can we go to have a look at it? We'd like it before making a final decision.

B. Of course. I'm not very busy at the moment. If you can wait for about 15 or 20 minutes, I can take you there.

A. Thank you. That would be great.

■ Useful expressions

1. That's the most important thing to take into consideration.
2. I'm not too worried about the size of the flat.
3. If we're lucky we'll find something in the next few days.
4. I think you had a good idea to start flat hunting early.
5. They said it would cost about one hundred pounds a month.
6. Are you looking for somewhere for two people?
7. Obviously, we'd like something as cheap as possible.
8. We'd like to see it before making a final decision.

■ Vocabularies

Furnished (furniture) provided with whatever is necessary
for a purpose
(as furniture, equipment or authority)



Example: "a furnished apartment"; "a completely furnished toolbox"

Contract A binding agreement between two or more people that is enforceable by law

Example: They contracted two new pitchers for the next season"

Deposit Money given as security for an article acquired for temporary use

Example: "his deposit was refunded when he returned the car"

Landlord/landlady A landowner who leases to others

Example: "my landlord is also an old friend"

Lease Property that is leased or rented out or let

Example: "We leased our apartment to friends while we were abroad"

Renew Reestablish on a new, usually improved, basis or make new or like new

Example: "They renewed their membership"

■ Phrases

- ✓ Renew a lease
- ✓ Pay monthly
- ✓ Amend a contract
- ✓ Discuss a contract
- ✓ Pay a deposit
- ✓ Pay rent
- ✓ Sign a contract
- ✓ Look at a place

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