

Lesson 44: Sharing an Apartment

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "*Sharing an Apartment.*"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Vocabulary

- **perk** - positive side, an advantage
- **loot** - money (informal)
- **punter** - a person who gambles
- **utility bills** - bills for gas, electricity, water and the like
- **inventory** - a written list of all the objects, furniture, etc. in a particular building
- **liabilities** - things that a person is legally responsible for
- **landlord** - a person who owns and rents an apartment/house to someone

Expressions

- **Share the apartment** - To live in an apartment or house with other people
- **Process of working out** - Still deciding; or still setting your mind for it.
- **What are the pros and cons?** - An expression used to ask about the possible advantages and disadvantages
- **Split the rent** - To share or divide the bills of the rent with other people
- **On the other hand** - An expression used to present the opposing opinion(s)
- **You have these options.** - An expression used to present the different choices a person has
- **Tenancy agreement** - Rental agreement or contract

Activity 1 | Dialogue 1

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jane is about to move out of her parents' house, so she was inquiring her friend about it.

Jane: I am planning to move out of my parents' house, do you know any apartment I can rent, Jack?

Jack: I am not quite sure, but I might know a place. But you have to decide if you want to **share the apartment** or not.

Jane: I haven't quite decided yet. I'm in the **process of working that out**, but **what are the pros and cons** of it?

Jack: Well, I have just recently moved out and now I have roommates with me in my apartment. I think having them is a **perk** because I can **split the rent** and other **utility bills**. **On the other hand**, if you had an apartment all for yourself, you could have all the privacy you wanted! **You have these options**.

Jane: Yes, you are right. However, I am still working on the **loot** for it. So, I guess it is more practical to look for an apartment where I can share the bills with someone.

Jack: Probably. But you should definitely choose your roommates. I mean, some of them bring **punters** that might influence you badly.

Jane: Yes, you are right. I should start looking for a great apartment now.

Jack: Oh! I almost forgot! Do not forget to get the **Tenancy Agreement** from your landlord. In that way, you can keep track of your **inventory**. You should also make sure that you are only to pay what you cover, and other responsibilities of the apartment are not yours.

Jane: Hmm... Yes, I think so too. The other **liabilities** are not my responsibility. Thank you so much for the heads-up!

Jack: You are welcome!

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jack say that sharing the apartment is a perk?
2. What are the warnings that Jack gave about unknown roommates?
3. Why is a tenancy agreement important when renting an apartment?
4. If you were Jane, would you share an apartment or not? Why?

Activity 2 | Dialogue 2

Directions: Complete the dialogue by using the expressions listed below.

Jane: Hi Mark! I heard that you are looking for an apartment to rent.

Mark: I am, Jane. Have you maybe heard of any?

Jane: Actually, my apartment is quite big, and because I want to save _____, I will need someone to _____ with.

Mark: Oh really? Is it okay for your landlord to _____?

Jane: Yes, I think it is okay, as long as I am following the rules of our _____.

Mark: Good! How about the _____? Should we also share them?

Jane: Yes, of course! It is a part of our _____.

Mark: Okay. I guess I'll go with that. Your apartment is near to my workplace anyway.

share the apartment	Tenancy Agreement
loot	split the rent
utility bills	liabilities

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you live in an apartment?
2. Which do you prefer, living in an apartment alone or with roommates?
3. Do you think some roommates are not easy to get along with?
4. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of sharing an apartment?
5. In your own opinion, are landlords responsible for any damages done by their renters? Why or why not?