



# LECTURE TITLE

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# I'M LOOKING FOR A FLAT

## Get ready to listen and speak

- Match each type of accommodation (a–e) with a picture (1–5).

a a semi-detached house ☒

b a cottage ☐

c a terraced house ☐

d a detached house ☐

e a block of flats ☐



## ADJECTIVES OF HOUSES

- Look at these adjectives you can use to describe houses and flats. Write *P* (positive) or *N* (negative) next to each adjective.

modern ☐

cramped ☐

private ☐

quiet ☐

noisy ☐

isolated ☐

spacious ☐

comfortable ☐

shabby ☐

bright ☐

messy ☐

dingy ☐





## CONT

- Tick ✓ the adjectives that describe your home.
- How important are these factors to you when choosing a home to live in? Give each one a number (1–5).  
(1 = unimportant, 5 = extremely important)  
size ☐ age ☐ location ☐ style ☐ price ☐

# LISTENING

## **A** Listening – Explaining your requirements

- 1  19 Oleg has just started work in Dublin, Ireland. He is looking for a place to stay and decides to phone an agency. Listen and answer the questions.
  - a Is he going to share or live alone? .....
  - b Does he want to rent or buy a property? .....
- 2  19 Listen again and complete the form on the right.

# SPEAKING STRATEGIES

## **B Speaking – Finding the right property**

### **Speaking strategy: Asking about alternatives**

**1 Match each statement (a–e) with a response (1–5).**

- a Do you have anything with a larger garden? ☒ 4
- b Is there anything away from the main road? ☐
- c Don't you have anything cheaper? ☐
- d I'd rather have something near a better school. ☐
- e I'd prefer something closer to the city centre. ☐

- 1 That's the most central one we have.
- 2 There's one in Hobart Street. That's very quiet.
- 3 We have one near the Rileys School. That's a good one.
- 4 Yes. This one has nearly half an acre.
- 5 I'm afraid not. That's the least expensive.

## CONT

### 2 Underline the phrases in the statements (a–e) that you can use:

- to ask about alternatives.
- to express a preference.

## SPEAK UP

### **Speak up!**

**3 Imagine a property agent is showing you various properties for rent. What can you say in the situations below? Say your answers.**

Example: a

You say: It's nice, but it's a bit small. Do you have anything a little larger?

- a Small – larger?
- b Noisy neighbourhood
- c No garden
- d No garage
- e Too expensive



# GRAMMAR

## Focus on ... comparatives and superlatives




Complete the sentences using the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

- a I'd like something with a ..... **bigger** ..... (big) garden, if possible.
- b The one on Park Avenue is .....  
(expensive) of the three.
- c I think this one is ..... (good) than the others.
- d Don't you have anything ..... (near) the sea?
- e This one is the ..... (nice) one we've seen.
- f Do you have something which is .....  
(convenient) for the shops?

# LISTENING

## C Listening – Checking the financial side

1  Look at these questions. Then listen to this property agent in the US. Which questions does he answer?

	Finances	
a	How much is the rent?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	When is the rent due?	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	How much deposit is required?	<input type="checkbox"/>
d	Will I get all my deposit back?	<input type="checkbox"/>
e	Are bills included?	<input type="checkbox"/>

2  Listen again and answer each question.


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4me/EnglishBook>

## CONT

### Tenancy agreement

- 1 How long is the rental agreement? -----
- 2 Will the rent go up? -----
- 3 Is insurance included? -----
- 4 Can I sub-let? -----
- 5 How much notice must I give if I want  
to leave early? .....a
- 6 Who do I contact if there is a problem? -----

## CONT

2  Look at the statements below. Tick ✓ True or False for each statement. Then listen again and check your answers.

	True	False
a You need to give two months' notice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Contents insurance is not included.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c The rent may go up after the lease expires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d You should pay for repairs yourself.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e The rental agreement starts from the day you move in.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f You will be evicted if you break the terms of your tenancy agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# GETTING WHAT YOU WANT

## **Speaking strategy: Making requests and asking for permission**

**1 Look at the expressions in bold below. Which expressions can you use:**

- a to ask permission to do something?
- b to ask someone to do something?

**Is it OK if I** have broadband installed?

**Could you** send someone to repair the cooker, please?

**Would you mind if I** got cable TV?

**Would you mind** fixing the tap in the bathroom?

**I was wondering if I could** paint the kitchen a different colour.



## SPEAK UP

### **Speak up!**

**2** Imagine you have just moved in to a rented flat and want to make some changes. Think of what you can say when you call your landlord to ask permission. Then say your answers.

Example: a

You say: Would you mind if I painted the lounge white? It's green at the moment and I'd like something a little brighter.

- a Lounge green – white
- b Satellite TV
- c Change phone company
- d New sofa
- e Broadband Internet

## CONT

**3 Now imagine that you have discovered lots of problems.  
Think of what you can say to ask the landlord to fix them.  
Then say your answers.**


Example: a

You say: Could you send someone to repair the washing machine, please?  
It's stopped working.

- a The washing machine has stopped working.
- b Your bedroom window is broken.
- c The heating doesn't work properly.
- d The garden is a mess.
- e The front doorbell doesn't work.

# LISTENING

## F Listening – Dealing with problems

 23 Lucy and Samir are tenants in the same block of flats in London. They each have a problem and call the rental agent, Mr Lee. Listen and complete the chart.

	Lucy	Samir
1 What's the problem?	a <u>The cooker is broken.</u>	d _____
2 When did it start?	b _____	e _____
3 What does Mr Lee promise?	c _____	f _____



## LISTENING

### **G Speaking – Overcoming difficulties**

#### **Speaking strategy: Making your point more forcefully**

- 1  Listen again to Lucy and Samir complain to Mr Lee.

Tick ✓ the expressions you hear.

I really must insist that you do something about this immediately. ☐

I'm not very happy about this at all. ☐

I'd like to know what you are going to do about it. ☐