

Lesson 58

I want to sublet my house.

Target: Having a conversation about renting.

Vocabulary

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Renting



Related vocabulary

- rent / to rent...
- to pay board
- to be due
- to let an apartment
- to rent out an apartment
- to sublet an apartment
- arrears

- to be straightforward
- to perform a credit check
- to evict someone
- a guarantor / a co-signer
- a reference
- a rental agreement
- a tenancy period

- subsidized housing
- to live rent-free
- to divide... up
- a share house
- a roommate
- to put the rent up
- a lessor / a lessee

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. When is your rent usually due?
2. What are arrears? What happens if you don't pay them?
3. Should kids living with their parents pay board?
4. Is there any way that you can live rent free?
5. Why would someone choose to rent a house over buying it?
6. How often do you think a landlord should put the rent up?
7. What are the pros and cons of subletting?
8. Have you ever had any experiences with a nasty landlord / landlady?
9. If the Olympics came back to Tokyo, would you rent out your apartment and go on a holiday?
10. Why do some landlords / real estate agents perform a credit check on you?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What are some situations that can get you evicted? Have you ever been evicted?
2. What is the average rent in your area and in different places around the world?
3. What are some things you need to do when you live with other people?
4. What are some situations where you'll lose your bond / security deposit?
5. What's your opinion of government housing / subsidized housing / co-op housing?
6. What parts of the apartment is the manager responsible for maintaining?
7. What percentage of your salary do you think should be the maximum you pay for rent?
8. What's a guarantor / a co-signer? Would you ever co-sign a rental agreement for someone?
9. Is the language that they use for rental agreements quite straightforward?
10. Have you ever lived with roommates? What are the pros and cons of living in a share house?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role play:** Partner #1: Go to a real estate agency & find out what you need to do to rent a place.
Partner #2: You are the agent. Explain what they need to do to rent a place.
- 2. Speech:** Tell the class about some of your experiences renting & living with different people.
- 3. Speech:** Describe a terrible rental situation where the landlord was a monster.
- 4. Debate:** You think buying an apartment is a good idea, but your partner thinks renting is better.