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Roaming Around Rentals

Two broke students' guide to finding a home without a huge hole in your pocket

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Title

Roaming Around Rentals: Two broke students' Guide to Finding a Home Without a Huge Hole in your pocket.

Concept Overview

Roaming Around Rentals is an audio narrative series that guides international students through renting a house in New York City. The two part-podcast talks about two international students, Jianhao and Tanvi, and their experiences concerning navigating apartment hunting in New York on a shoestring budget.

The podcast aims to educate and empower its users to feel confident about finding a house in New York by providing them with the resources they need through compelling stories.

Statement of Need

Renting a house in New York City can be daunting, especially for international students who may need to become more familiar with the city's housing market. Roaming Around Rentals provides an audio-based learning experience that helps students confidently navigate the rental process.

Concept Description

Roaming Around Rentals is an audio narrative series that takes international students through renting a house in New York City, from finding a suitable apartment to signing a lease. The audio narrative is divided into chapters, each focusing on a specific aspect of the rental process, such as apartment search, lease negotiations, and move-in procedures. The audio narrative is complemented by additional resources such as printable checklists and guides.

Target Audience

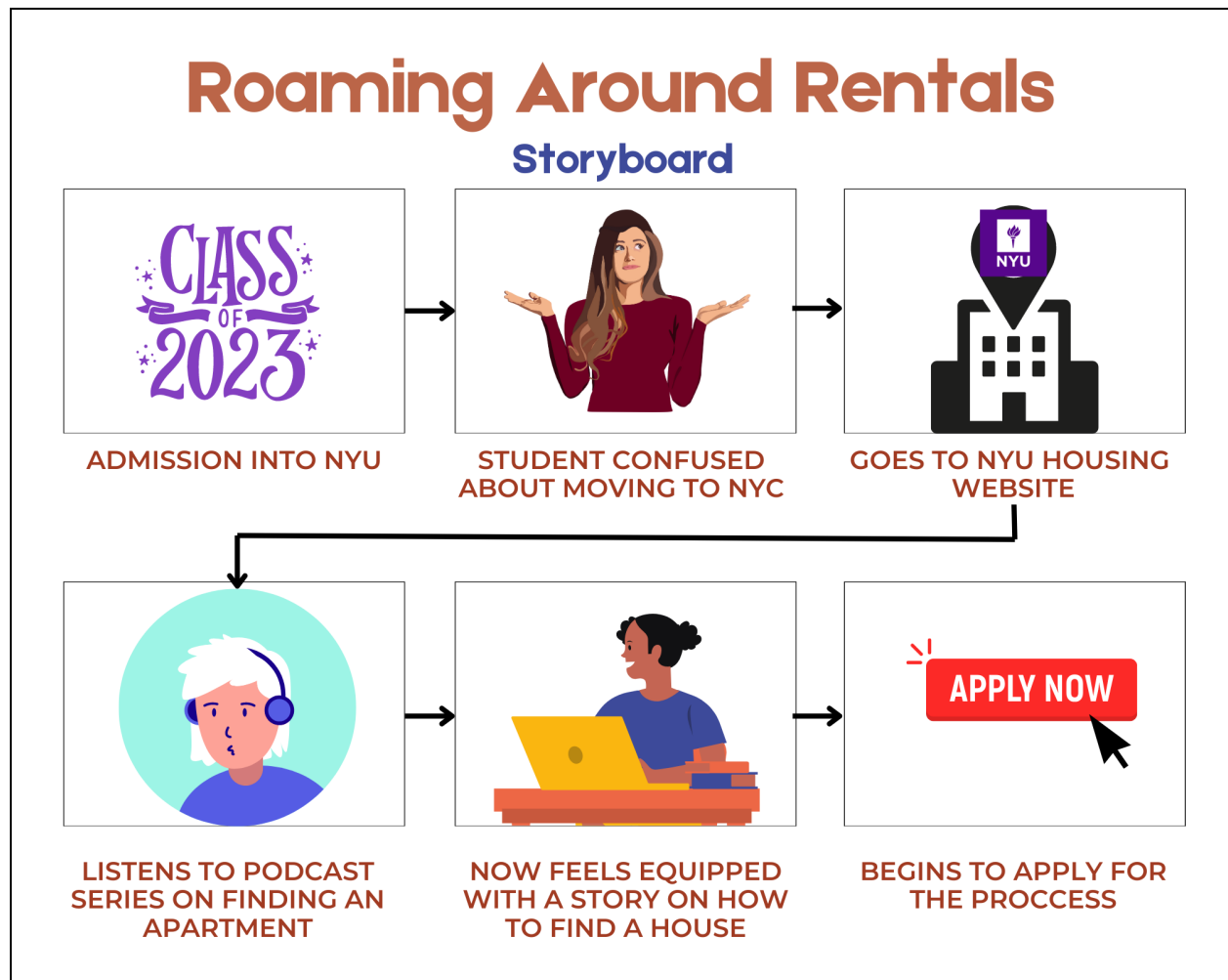
- International students studying in New York University
- Non-native English speakers and International students who may need extra support in understanding housing-related terms and processes specific to America

Learning Goals

- Understand the process of renting a house in New York City
- Identify essential housing-related vocabulary and concepts
- Learn about different types of housing and neighborhoods in New York City
- Develop an understanding of tenant rights and responsibilities

- Understand how to negotiate a lease and sign a rental agreement

Story-board



Learning Theories

- **Social Learning Theory**

Roaming Around Rentals encourages social learning through peer support and interaction. The podcast, led by two international students, can help new students learn from each other's experiences and share tips and advice on navigating the rental process. The social approach of the podcast also creates a space for learning and sharing experiences.

- **Constructivism**

Using a narrative structure, the podcast illustrates the journey of two international students navigating through the city's rental conundrum, thus providing a clear framework for the learner about the challenges they are most likely to encounter. The structure would help learners connect between different pieces of information and make explicit connections with the information.

- **Narrative Theory of Learning**

The podcast is rooted in its approach of adopting the theory of narrative in learning by using the host's stories to play an essential role in the learning process of the audience. Through the narrative different structures and elements are introduced in the podcast in a situated context allowing the learner to organize and process the information effectively.

- **Situated Learning Theory**

Roaming Around Rentals is designed to be a situated learning experience that reflects the real-world context of renting a house in New York City. By providing an immersive and interactive audio narrative, learners can apply their knowledge and skills in real-world scenarios.

Breakdown of the podcast

Segment 1: Introduction

- Introduce the topic of finding a home in New York City on a budget as an international student.
- Explain why this topic is necessary and relevant for the target audience
- Provide an overview of the main points that will be covered in the podcast

Segment 2: Understanding the Housing Market in New York City

- Explain the housing market in New York City, including common types of housing and their costs.
- Discuss the challenges international students may face when looking for housing in the city.
- Provide tips on how to research the housing market and identify affordable options.

Segment 3: Finding Roommates and Shared Housing

- Discuss the benefits of finding roommates and shared housing for international students on a budget.
- Provide tips on how to find roommates and identify shared housing options in New York City.
- Discuss best practices for living with roommates, including setting expectations and communicating effectively.

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Segment 4: Exploring Neighborhoods in New York City

- Discuss different neighborhoods in New York City and their costs
- Provide tips on how to explore neighborhoods and identify affordable areas to live in
- Discuss factors to consider when choosing a neighborhood, including safety, transportation, and proximity to amenities

Segment 5: Conclusion

- Recap the main points covered in the podcast.
- Provide final tips and advice for international students on a budget who are looking for housing in New York City.
- Encourage listeners to share their experiences and ask questions in the comments or on social media.

Some possible chapters for Roaming Around Rentals are:

1. Introduction to the NYC Housing Market: An overview of the rental market in New York City, including housing types, neighborhoods, and renter demographics.
2. Finding an Apartment: Strategies for apartment search, including online resources, brokers, and referrals.
3. Understanding Rental Agreements: A breakdown of the typical rental agreement in New York City, including lease terms, security deposits, and rental fees.

4. Tenant Rights and Responsibilities: An explanation of tenants' legal rights and responsibilities in New York City, including eviction procedures and landlord-tenant disputes.
5. Moving In and Settling Down: Tips for moving in, setting up utilities, and adjusting to life in New York City.

Script

[Introduction music plays]

Host: Welcome to Roaming Around Rentals: A Guide to Renting in NYC. I'm your host, Tanvi, and in this podcast series, we'll take you through the process of renting a house in New York City.

[Background sounds of city life play]

Host: Renting a house in New York City can be daunting, especially for international students who may need to become more familiar with the city's housing market. But don't worry, we're here to guide you through the process step by step.

[Background sounds fade out]

Host: In this first episode, we'll provide an overview of the rental market in New York City.

[Music transition]

Host: New York City is one of the most dynamic and exciting cities in the world. But it's also a city with a complex housing market. According to recent data, the average rent for a studio apartment in Manhattan is around \$2,500 per month. The price goes up significantly for larger apartments or apartments in widespread neighborhoods.

[Background sounds of traffic and city life play]

Host: So, where do you start when looking for an apartment in NYC? You can use several strategies, including online resources, brokers, and referrals.

[Music transition]

Host: Let's start with online resources. There are several websites and apps you can use to search for apartments in NYC, such as StreetEasy, Zillow, and Apartments.com. These platforms allow you to filter your search by location, price range, and apartment size. You can also view photos of the apartments and read reviews from previous tenants.

[Background sounds of typing and mouse clicking play]

Host: When using online resources, it's important to keep in mind that not all listings may be accurate or up to date. It's always a good idea to confirm the availability and details of the apartment with the landlord or management company before scheduling a viewing.

[Music transition]

Host: Another strategy you can use is to work with a broker. Brokers are licensed real estate agents who can help you find an apartment that meets your needs and

budget. They can provide you with access to exclusive listings and assist you with the application and leasing process.

[Background sounds of a phone call and discussion with a broker play]

Host: Working with a broker can be a convenient option, but keep in mind that brokers typically charge a fee, which can be up to 15% of the annual rent. Make sure to clarify the broker's fee structure before signing any agreements.

[Music transition]

Host: Finally, you can also rely on referrals from friends, family, or colleagues who live in the city. They can recommend apartments or landlords that they have had positive experiences with.

[Background sounds of discussion with friends and laughter play]

Host: Whatever strategy you use, make sure to do your research and compare your options carefully.

[Music transition]

Host: That's all for this episode. In the next episode, we'll discuss the typical rental agreement in New York City and what you should look out for when reviewing a lease. Thanks for listening to Roaming Around Rentals: A Guide to Renting in NYC.

[Outro music plays]

Reflection