

U.D.5 ACCOMODATION

Discuss with your partner the meaning of the following terms

Reception desk	Watch the video
I'd like to check in	It's the oldest part of the city
Do you have a reservation?	Are there any shops in the area?
The view of the harbour	Craft Shops
Registration book	Morning market
It's on the thirtieth floor	Stalls
Where can I get something to eat?	Souvenirs
Dinner is served at...	Jewelry
Enjoy your stay!	Handicrafts

Watch the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZJPOd1sGqM>

Watch this other video, too

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5MXfq9rtm4>

EXERCISE 1

STUDENT 1 (LODGER, TENANT): You would like to rent a flat/apartment and you would like it to be close to the town centre, with a view of the beach.

Ask your partner the following questions:

- What does the flat/apartment contain?
- Is bed linen available?
- Are towels provided?
- Is there a cleaning/housekeeping service?
- Are there any sports facilities?
- How much does it cost?
- How far is it from the airport?
- Could you send me a brochure, please?
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STUDENT 2 (OWNER, LANDLORD, LANDLADY): You are the owner of a fantastic flat and now renting you are luxury apartment which fulfills all of your client's requirements.

And here is some vocabulary you will also find useful:

- **unfurnished** = an apartment/house which doesn't have furniture
- **furnished** = an apartment/house which is complete with furniture
- **semi-furnished** = an apartment/house which has some furniture, but not all you need
- **spacious** = big; offering lots of space
- **run-down** = used to describe a building which is not in good condition - old-looking and not well-maintained.

- **renovated/refurbished** = everything has been fixed/redesigned, and made new
 - **to move in** = enter an apartment/house to live there
 - **utilities** = basic needs e.g. water, electricity and heat.
- PHRASES

<https://www.espressoenglish.net/10-english-phrases-for-renting-an-apartment/>

#1 – “I CHECKED THE **CLASSIFIEDS**, BUT I DIDN’T SEE ANYTHING IN MY **PRICE RANGE**.”

The **classifieds** is the section of a newspaper with listings of items, cars, and houses to buy, sell, and rent. Your **price range** is the amount of money you hope or expect to pay – for example, “My price range is \$1200 – \$1500.”

#2 – “THE APARTMENT IS FULLY **FURNISHED** AND HAS A **BALCONY** OVERLOOKING THE PARK.”

If an apartment is **furnished**, it means it already has furniture – beds, tables, chairs, etc. If the apartment does not have these things, then it is **unfurnished**. There is also a **semi-furnished** apartment – meaning it has some furniture, but not everything. In this case, you need to ask for more details!

A **balcony** is a small external area, like in the picture. **Overlooking** the park means that you can see the park from the balcony.

#3 – “I **CAN’T AFFORD** TO LIVE THERE ALONE, SO I’M LOOKING FOR A **ROOMMATE**.”

I can’t afford... means “I don’t have enough money.” A **roommate** is a person who will share the apartment and split (divide) the cost of renting it.

#4 – “WE’RE LOOKING FOR A **SPACIOUS** APARTMENT IN AN **UPSCALE** NEIGHBORHOOD.”

Spacious is another word for “big” – an apartment with lots of space. An **upscale** neighborhood is an area with a lot of rich people and very nice restaurants and stores.

#5 – “TO **MOVE IN**, YOU NEED TO PAY THE FIRST AND LAST MONTH’S RENT PLUS A **SECURITY DEPOSIT**.”

The phrasal verb **move in** means “enter an apartment/house to live there.” (When you leave, you are **moving out**). For many apartments, you need to pay two months’ rent (the “first and last month’s rent”) in addition to a **security deposit** – an amount of money that you get back at the end of your time living there if the apartment is in good condition. If you leave the apartment in bad condition, or if you break something, then the cost of repairs will be paid from the security deposit.

#6 – “ON **AVERAGE**, THE **UTILITIES** COME TO ABOUT \$150 A MONTH.”

Utilities are things like electricity, water, heat – the basic needs of the apartment. The phrasal verb **come to** in this context means “total” – for example, if the electricity is \$70, the water is \$35, and the heat is \$45, then it comes to \$150 total.

On average means “in general” – sometimes the total might be higher or lower than \$150; it is not an exact number.

#7 – “THERE’S NO WASHING MACHINE OR DRYER IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING, BUT THERE’S A LAUNDROMAT NEARBY.”

A **laundromat** is a place where you can pay money to use the washing machines and dryers to clean your clothes:

#8 – “MY SISTER IS SUBLETTING HER STUDIO APARTMENT FOR THREE MONTHS WHILE SHE TRAVELS TO EUROPE.”

If you **sublet** your apartment, it means you rent the apartment to another person temporarily while you are traveling. A **studio** apartment is a small apartment that has only one major room with the bed, kitchen, TV, etc.

If you need a bigger apartment, you can get a **one-bedroom** apartment – that means it has two major rooms (a living room and one bedroom). There are also **two-bedroom** and **three-bedroom** apartments (these have a living room and 2 or 3 bedrooms), etc.

#9 – “THE LANDLORD IS OFFERING A TWO-YEAR LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW.”

The **landlord** (man) or **landlady** (woman) is the person who owns the apartment, from whom you are renting it. You pay the rent every month to the landlord / landlady.

A **lease** is a formal contract or agreement for you to live in and use the apartment for a specific period of time. If you **renew** the lease, it means you extend it for an additional time period.

#10 – “THE BUILDING IS A BIT RUN-DOWN, BUT THE APARTMENT ITSELF WAS RECENTLY RENOVATED.”

Run-down means the building is not in good condition – it is a little bit old and not well-maintained. However, the individual apartment was recently **renovated** – that means everything was fixed, redesigned, and made new. Other words for this are **refurbished** or **remodeled**.

Caravanning



Also known as **RV camping** or **car camping**, it involves carrying all the necessities in one's motor vehicle. It is an admixture of traveling and staying, both at the same time. Some of these vehicles are large enough for a person to sleep, and to offer other household comforts as well.

Camping



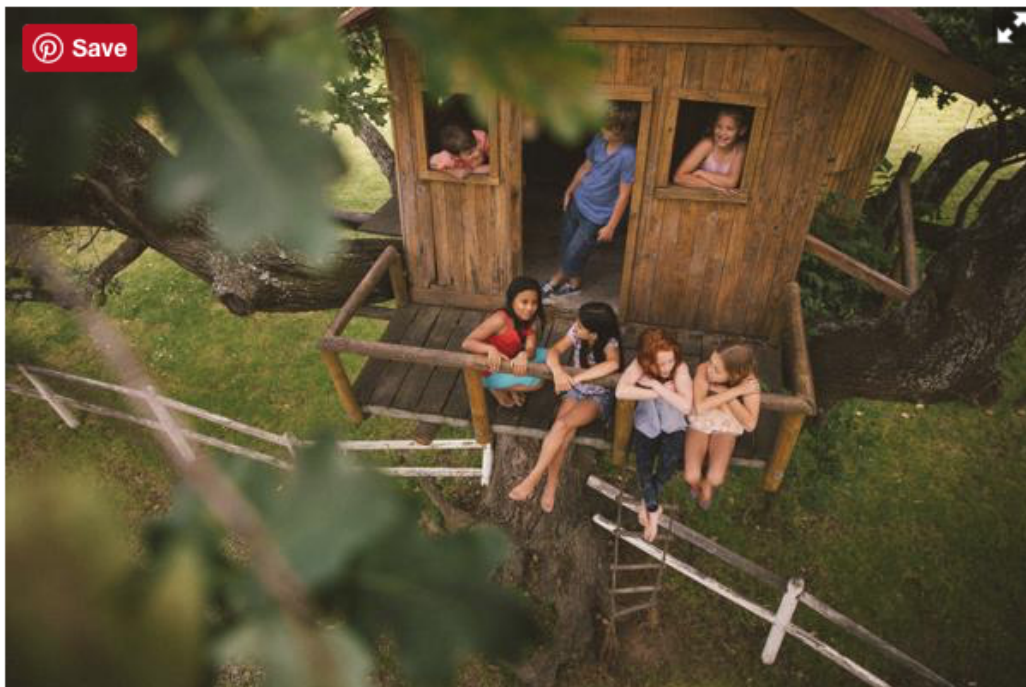
Perhaps the most popular type amongst the youngsters, this is a DIY accommodation, in which one carries his/her shelter (tent), bedding, and other necessary equipment in the backpack. Camping destinations have come to the forefront these days, mainly owing to their adventure quotient and exotic locations.

Vacation Rentals



Another cost-effective type of holiday accommodation, a vacation rental involves renting out an entire house or apartment to the vacationers. Generally, people traveling with families and/or large groups opt for such accommodations as they get to use the entire house all for themselves. Such shelters are either specifically purchased by the owners to be given as vacation rentals, or are converted into the same for a period for which the owners are away.

Exotic Hotels



While speaking of the different kinds of holiday accommodations, it is extremely difficult to dismiss hotels, which appeal to the tourists due to their unique and exotic locations. Situated in seemingly bizarre places, such as under the water, in the caves, on treetops, exotic islands, cliffs, and so on, these make for some of the most expensive holiday accommodations. However, they seem to be always worth a deal, as staying at these hotels is indeed a one-of-its-kind experience.

