

Exploring Apartment Rental



Warm-up Conversational Questions

Engage in discussions about moving and living experiences.

Have you ever moved to a new city or country? What was the experience like?

Sub Vocab: relocation, moving process, adjustments

What factors are important to you when choosing a place to live?

Sub Vocab: preferences, priorities, amenities

Share a memorable experience, good or bad, about renting a place.

Sub Vocab: anecdotes, renting challenges, positive experiences



Lease

A legal contract outlining the terms of the rental agreement.

1 How long are typical leases in your country?

Sub Vocab: duration, agreement term, lease period

2 What are the key elements you look for in a lease agreement?

Sub Vocab: clauses, conditions, responsibilities

3 Have you ever had any issues with a lease?

Sub Vocab: disputes, violations, terminations



Landlord

The owner of the property that is being rented.

1 What makes a good landlord?
Qualities: reliability, communication, fairness

2 How to communicate with your landlord about issues or concerns?
Methods: dialogue, problem-solving, feedback

3 Have you ever had a difficult relationship with a landlord?
Situations: conflicts, disagreements, resolution



Tenant

A person who occupies and rents a property.

- 1 — What responsibilities do tenants usually have?
Sub Vocab: care, payments, rules adherence
- 2 — Have you ever been a tenant, and what was your experience?
Sub Vocab: experiences, stories, lessons learned
- 3 — What rights do tenants typically have in your country?
Sub Vocab: legal protection, privacy, security



Deposit

A sum of money paid as a security against potential damages.

1. How much is a standard deposit in your region?

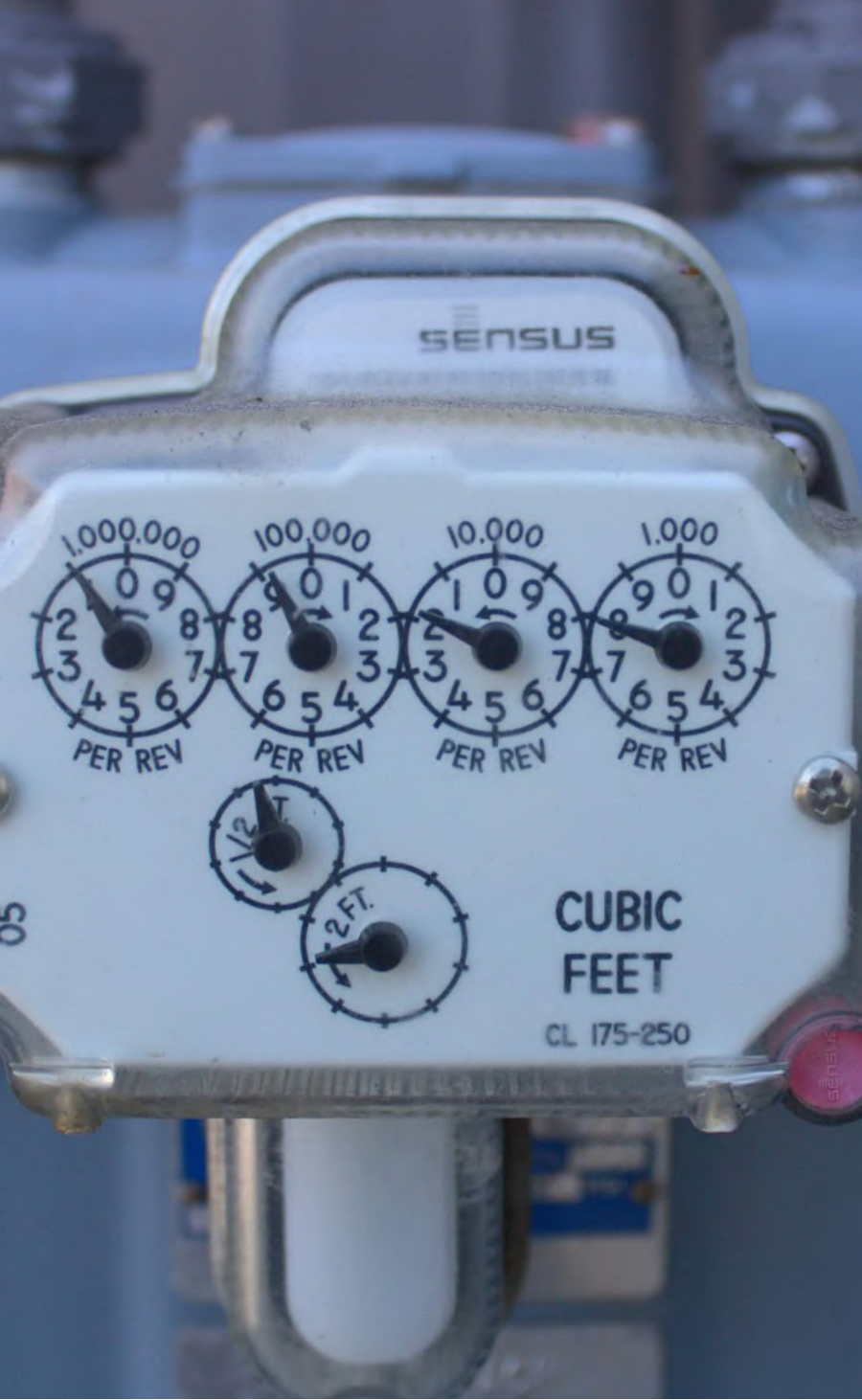
Sub Vocab: standard rate, security deposit, initial payment

2. What are common reasons for losing a deposit?

Sub Vocab: damages, cleaning fees, contract breaches

3. How do you ensure a fair return of your deposit?

Sub Vocab: documentation, property condition, negotiation



Utilities

Services like electricity, water, and heating.

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How are utilities usually handled in rental agreements?

Sub Vocab: inclusion, separate billing, utility providers

2

Have you ever had any issues with utility payments?

Sub Vocab: late payments, service interruptions, disputes

3

What advice would you give someone about managing utilities in a new place?

Sub Vocab: budgeting, conservation, provider selection

Amenities

Extra features or facilities provided in a property.



1. What amenities do you consider essential in an apartment?

Sub Vocab: essential, luxury, convenience



2. Have you ever lived in a place with unique amenities?

Sub Vocab: unique features, lifestyle, perks



3. How much are you willing to pay extra for desirable amenities?

Sub Vocab: additional cost, value, willingness to pay

Sublet

Renting part of a property to someone else.

1 Have you ever sublet a room or apartment?

Sub Vocab: subleasing, temporary arrangement, subtenant

2 What are the pros and cons of subletting?

Sub Vocab: advantages, disadvantages, considerations

3 What advice would you give to someone considering subletting?

Sub Vocab: tips, legal aspects, communication





Maintenance

The upkeep and repairs of a property.

1. How is maintenance usually handled in rental agreements? Sub Vocab: landlord responsibilities, tenant duties, service requests
2. Have you ever faced challenges with maintenance in a rented place? Sub Vocab: repair issues, response time, quality of work
3. What responsibilities do tenants have for maintenance? Sub Vocab: cleanliness, minor repairs, reporting problems

Neighborhood

The area surrounding a particular place.

Share a positive experience about living in a good neighborhood.

Sub Vocab: community events, neighborly support, local amenities

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What factors do you consider when choosing a neighborhood?

Sub Vocab: safety, accessibility, community

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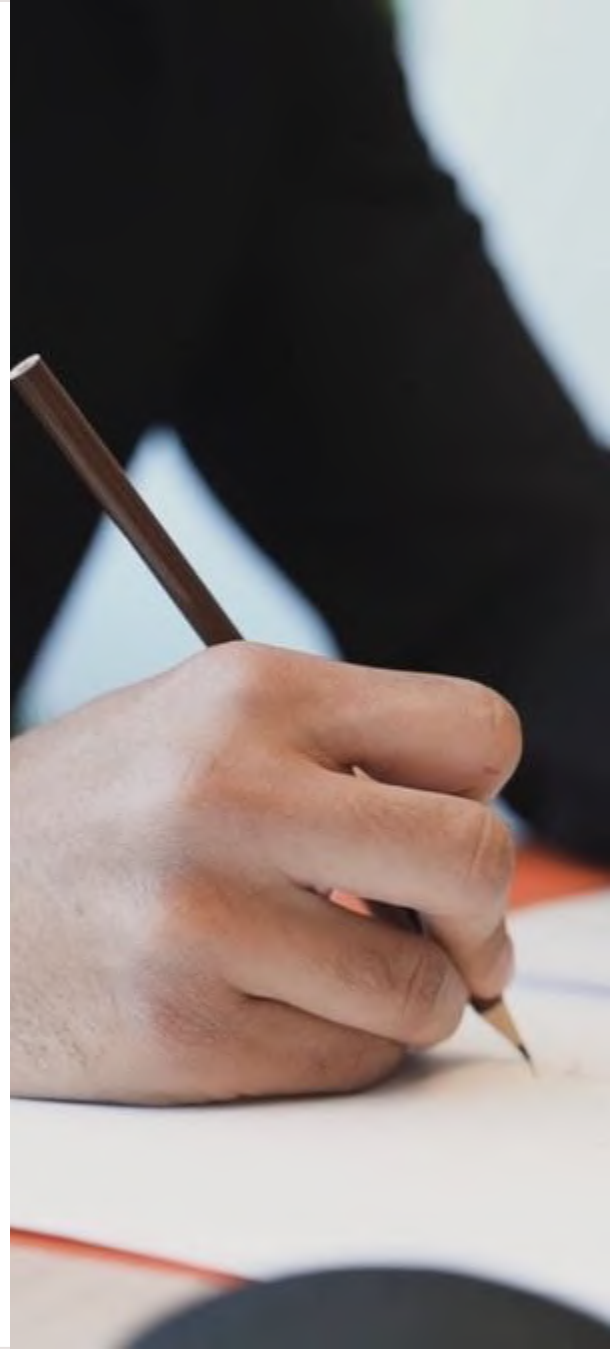
Have you ever regretted your choice of neighborhood?

Sub Vocab: regrets, issues, relocation

Lease Renewal

Extending the rental agreement after its initial term.

1. How far in advance do you typically discuss lease renewal? Sub Vocab: planning, negotiation, agreement extension
2. Have you ever had issues with lease renewal negotiations? Sub Vocab: challenges, terms adjustment, landlord-tenant relations
3. What are your preferences when it comes to lease renewal terms? Sub Vocab: preferences, contract duration, rent changes



Budget

The amount of money available for spending.

1

How do you determine your rental budget?

Sub Vocab: financial planning, affordability, income percentage

2

Have you ever exceeded your budget for housing?

Sub Vocab: overspending, financial strain, unexpected costs

3

What compromises are you willing to make to stay within your budget?

Sub Vocab: trade-offs, downsizing, location choice



Furnished

Providing furniture and fittings in a rented property.



1. Do you prefer furnished or unfurnished apartments? Why?

Sub Vocab: convenience, personal taste, immediate occupancy



2. Share an experience of moving into a furnished place.

Sub Vocab: moving day, settling in, personalization



3. How does the furnished status affect rental prices in your area?

Sub Vocab: price difference, rental market, value for money



Unfurnished

Without furniture or fittings.

1

What are the advantages of living in an unfurnished place?

Sub Vocab: customization, long-term stay, personal belongings

2

Have you ever faced challenges with an unfurnished rental?

Sub Vocab: furniture acquisition, initial setup, moving costs

3

How do you go about furnishing an unfurnished apartment?

Sub Vocab: furniture shopping, budgeting, style choices



Eviction

The forced removal of a tenant from a property.

1. Under what circumstances can a landlord evict a tenant? Sub Vocab: legal grounds, lease violations, non-payment
2. How can tenants protect themselves from eviction? Sub Vocab: knowing rights, lease compliance, legal advice
3. Have you ever known someone who faced eviction? Sub Vocab: eviction stories, tenant support, dispute resolution



Leasing Agent

A person who facilitates the rental process on behalf of the landlord.

- 1 — What role does a leasing agent play in the apartment rental process?
Sub Vocab: intermediary, facilitator, property showings
- 2 — Have you ever interacted with a leasing agent when renting a property?
Sub Vocab: interactions, negotiations, agent services
- 3 — How can a leasing agent make the rental process smoother for tenants?
Sub Vocab: efficiency, communication, problem-solving