

Lesson 35: At a Real Estate Agency

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Keith: How do you like this flat?

Tomio: It is the best one I've seen so far.

Keith: The subway is just **a two-minute walk** from here.

Tomio: Would you know if there's an Asian grocery store in the area?

Keith: I'm not sure but there's a supermarket just around the corner.

Tomio: Is it a safe neighborhood?

Keith: There are no gangsters in the neighborhood, if that's what you're asking.

Anyway, look at this awesome view from the bedroom window.

Tomio: It is quite nice. I think I'll take this flat.

Keith: Wonderful. I'll have the contract prepared right away.

You can start moving in as soon as you've paid.

Tomio: Thank you, Keith. I'll drop by your office later to sign the papers and to make the payment.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. My hometown is **a three-hour drive** from Tokyo.
2. Jack's house is **a good twenty-minute walk** from my house.
3. I'm going out for **a thirty-minute run**. Would you like to join me?

*a two-minute walk(run, drive) / 徒歩で (走って、車で) 2分間

3. Your Task

Your real estate agent is showing you an apartment. During your inspection, you see that the carpet is dirty, the wallpaper is all torn, the bathroom is smelly and the kitchen is a mess. You can also hear the next door neighbor's blaring TV. Tell your agent (=your tutor) your observations.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever gone house hunting? If yes, tell your teacher about it.

Tell your tutor about the house you grew up in. What are your best memories in that house?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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