

Lesson 17: Renting an Apartment

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1. Dialogue

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

Kenji is looking for an apartment. There is an ad about a vacant apartment and he calls the number.

Kenji: I'm calling about the apartment on Ash Street. Is it still available?

Ben: Yes, it is.

Kenji: Great! I don't have any furniture. Is it furnished?

Ben: I'm afraid it's only semi-furnished. It has a dish washer, an oven and a refrigerator. That's all.

Kenji: That sounds good. How much is the monthly rent?

Ben: It's \$1200 per month. The rent includes heating and hot water. Cable TV connection is **free of charge**, too.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The musicians performed **free of charge**.
2. The plumber mended the broken pipe **free of charge**.
3. I can use the internet connection in my school **free of charge**.

* **free of charge** / 無料で

3. Your Task

You are looking for an apartment. You have decided to call a real-estate agency (=your tutor). Give them details about the apartment you're looking for, such as the size and your preferred location. They will be asking for more information.-

4. Let's Talk

Do you like living in an apartment? Why or why not?

Talk about your experiences of renting an apartment.

Would you feel like it's your real home if you rented? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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