

## Lesson 17: Renting an Apartment

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Kenji is checking out an apartment. Ben Parker, the landlord, is going to show him around.

Kenji: Hello, Mr. Parker. I'm Kenji. We talked on the phone this morning.

Ben: Hello, Kenji. Did you find your way here easily?

Kenji: I did. You gave very good directions.

Ben: I see. The apartment's on the second floor. Follow me, please.

(They walk up the stairs and Ben opens the apartment door.)

Kenji: (Looking around the apartment) I like the big windows. The place is spacious and bright.

Can I ask about the occupant next door?

Ben: A retired soldier named Peter lives next door. He lives alone so it's pretty quiet around here.

Kenji: I'm quite **pleased with** the place. By the way, is there a proper parking space for the tenant?

Ben: I hate to disappoint you but you're going to have to park on the street. There's no more space in the garage.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The president **was pleased with** the report.
2. Mr. Nakamura **is not pleased with** the decrease in company profit.
3. **Are you pleased with** the test results?

\* **be pleased with ~** / ~に喜んで、満足している

### 3. Your Task

*You have an apartment for rent. Someone has called and asked about the apartment. Give the prospective tenant (=your tutor) important information such as the location, the size of the apartment, the cost of rent and other details. The caller will want to check out the apartment. Give him/her directions on how to get to the place.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*Compare the costs of rent between Tokyo and the countryside.*

*Would you spend money on paint, the garden etc. if you were just a tenant? Explain your answer.*

*What are the advantages and disadvantages of renting an apartment?*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*

