

Lesson 17: Renting an Apartment

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1. Dialogue

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

Kenji has decided to rent Mr. Parker's apartment. Mr. Parker is letting him know the terms and conditions of living in his apartment building.

Kenji: Mr. Parker, I've decided to rent your place. How much monthly rent do you initially require?

Mr. Parker: I'm going to need a security deposit of one month, plus two months' rent in advance.

Kenji: So, that's a total of \$3,600.

Mr. Parker: That's right. I will also require some documents from you. Since you're not from around here, I'd like a copy of your passport and a letter of recommendation from your company.

Kenji: No worries, sir.

Mr. Parker: The place is good for two occupants. I can bring up another bed.

Kenji: Don't **bother setting up** the other room, Mr. Parker. I'll be the only one here.

Mr. Parker: I see. I'll be drawing up a one-year contract. When do you plan to move in?

Kenji: I need to settle in as soon as possible. Mr. Parker, could you remove the rug in the living room? I won't need it.

Mr. Parker: No problem. Before you go, kindly fill out this form. I need your information for the contract.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Jack doesn't **bother cooking**. He always eats out.
2. Bryan didn't **bother listening** to the professor's lecture.
3. The president didn't **bother waiting** for the sales report.

* **bother -ing (= bother to do)** / わざわざ~する ※通常は否定文

3. Your Task

An apartment broker (=your tutor) is showing you an apartment. The location of this apartment is perfect. But there are some things you don't like about the place, such as the old carpet, the smelly oven, the leaking faucet, the broken heater and many other things need repair or replacement. Talk to the apartment broker about these things. Tell him/her that if these things could be fixed, you'd take the apartment.

4. Let's Talk

Do you think apartment owners charge too much for rent? Explain your answer.

Which is better: to rent or buy property? Explain your answer.

Talk about your rent agreement with your landlord.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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