Home and Housing Vocabulary List: 24 Words with Examples

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Word or phrase	Meaning	Example
a flat / apartment	a home on one floor of a building	I live in a two-bedroom flat.
a detached house	a house not joined to another	They have a detached house with a big garden.
a landlord	the person who owns the home you rent	My landlord fixed the heating quickly.
a tenant	a person who rents a home	The tenants pay the bills.
to rent	to pay to live in a place	We rent a small flat near the station.
a deposit	money you pay before you move in	The deposit is one month's rent.
bills	money for water, electricity, gas and internet	Are bills included in the rent?
furnished	with furniture already in it	The flat is fully furnished.
to move house	to go to live in a new home	We moved house last summer.
a neighbour	a person who lives near you	My neighbours are very friendly.
a neighbourhood	the area around your home	It's a quiet neighbourhood with lots of parks.
the ground floor	the floor at street level	The kitchen is on the ground floor.
upstairs / downstairs	on a higher / lower floor	The bedrooms are upstairs.
a balcony	a small outdoor area on an upper floor	We have breakfast on the balcony.
a wardrobe	a tall cupboard for clothes	There's a big wardrobe in the bedroom.
a cupboard	a piece of furniture with doors for storing things	The glasses are in the cupboard.
a sofa	a long, soft seat for two or more people	We bought a new sofa for the living room.
a tap	the thing water comes out of	The kitchen tap is leaking.
the heating	the system that makes a home warm	Can you turn the heating on?
cosy	warm and comfortable	It's a small but cosy flat.
spacious	with a lot of space	The living room is very spacious.
to share a flat	to live with other people who are not family	I shared a flat with three students.
to do the housework	to clean and tidy the home	We share the housework.
a lease / contract	the legal agreement to rent a home	The lease is for twelve months.

Practice: complete with a word from the list

Use the correct form of the word or phrase.

1. My _____ owns three flats in this building.
2. We paid a _____ of two months' rent.
3. Are the _____ included, or do we pay for electricity separately?
4. The flat comes _____: it has a bed, a sofa and a table.
5. The kitchen _____ is dripping all night.
6. It's small, but it's very _____ in winter.
7. When I was a student, I _____ a flat with two friends.
8. We _____ house three times in five years.

Speaking

- Describe your home. What is your favourite room?
- What is your neighbourhood like?
- Have you ever had a problem with a landlord or neighbour?
- What would your dream home be like?

My new words

Answer key

Practice: 1 landlord · 2 deposit · 3 bills · 4 furnished · 5 tap · 6 cosy · 7 shared · 8 moved