

1. Vocabulary

Write simple definitions of these words. Add some words of your own.

Word	Definition
apartment	
attic	The place under the roof of a house. People often keep stuff there.
basement	
bedsit	
cottage	
deposit	
detached	
drive	
duplex	
en suite	
fence	
flat	
house	
lease	
mortgage	
rear	
semi-detached	
shed	
studio	

tenant	
townhouse	
yard	

Test your partner:

You: What do you call a person who rents a place from someone?

Your partner: A tenant.

Remember:

What do you call a/the person who.....

a/the place where.....

a/the thing that.....

2. Abbreviations

Find abbreviations in the accom. ads and write them here with their meaning.

Abbrev.	Meaning
OFCH	oil-fired central heating
dep. reqd	Deposit required: you will have to pay a deposit to rent this place.

3. Accommodation Ad.

You want to let your house or flat. Write the advertisement for the local paper below. Remember! Use abbreviations.

4. You are looking for somewhere to live. Choose an ad, or read the ad your partner has written and write down what you would say when you ring.

Landlady/lord answers: Hello!

You say: Hello, _____

5. Write six questions you could ask the landlady/lord about the house/flat.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. Accommodation Wordsearch

Find the words in the puzzle. Words can go forwards or backwards, up or down, or diagonally.

G E Z G T D A G I E E Q T G F
K Z I C X R Q N S S D E H S O
A V I Z R J T A T F R L I T G
P V J E H E E A C E I L I N G
E M A T R L T Q I S V O O L S
T R O E C E Z D I E R C F B Q
S N S R A A R D E T A C H E D
K T E G T O R K Y G T T F A H
C R E M L G O T N E E L A A O
S N E D E O A I N N N S D O B
T C N N B S T G A O E M F Y I
M A K T T A A N E H C L I U V
L Z N S E G T B C I T T A H F
V E T H L O D G E M E N T E C
R B P L U M B E R E C N E F W

ARREARS

ATTIC

BASEMENT

CEILING

CHIMNEY

CONTRACT

DETACHED

ESTATE AGENT

EVICT

FENCE

HEATING

HOB

INTEREST

LANDLORD

LEASE

LODGEMENT

MORTGAGE

PLUMBER

RENT

RENTBOOK

SHED

TENANT

Accommodation ads

MODULE: Accommodation

LEVEL: R2

Time: 90 minutes	Focus: Finding accommodation
Class organisation: plenary/pairwork	Type of activity: Vocab/writing/roleplay
Can be adapted to:	Prerequisites:
FETAC:	
ELP: B1 Writing – Design and write an advertisement	

For this activity you need...

Photocopies of accommodation ads – enough for class

N.B.

In Class Procedure at a Glance

1. Vocabulary:

This exercise can be done with reference to dictionaries, to the teacher, or as a test if this vocabulary has been seen before. After SS have filled in their definitions get them to cover the definitions column and test each other.

2. Abbreviations

If SS are not familiar with the idea of abbreviations, write USA, CD, etc. on board and explain that these are abbreviations. Then write PPPM and explain that this is an abbreviation often used in

accommodation advertisements and means 'per person per month'. Elicit where these ads can be found (local papers, supermarket notice boards, internet..).

SS then find other abbreviations in the accom ads provided (good sources are local papers, Evening Herald, www.daft.ie)

3. Tell students they want to let their house or flat and now need to write an ad for it. Ask them who is going to read the ad and what they should emphasise. (Give some examples of ad speak: charming, compact, etc). Tell them that in a newspaper the longer the ad, the more it costs, so they will need to be brief and to use abbreviations.
4. and 5. These stages can be used to lead into a role-play where one student is landlord and the other a prospective tenant.
6. Wordsearch This can be set as homework or used in class to keep faster finishers occupied.