

Flathunting

PART 1 – Ashlie & Stephen

Ex. 1 Watch two short films about Ashlie and Stephen looking for a new place to live for Ashlie. Prepare to talk about what happened during their quest/search for a new apartment.

Flathunting Scene 1

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/flathunting/flathunting-scene-1>

1. Where were Ashlie and Stephen this time?
2. What was Ashlie doing?
3. Did she like her flat?
4. What did she decide to do?
5. Who was going to help her with it?
6. What do you think about estate agent? Was he helpful?
7. How many apartments did they see? What did they look like?

Flathunting Scene 2

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/flathunting/flathunting-scene-2>

1. How much stuff did Ashlie have when she was moving out?
2. Why was her doll (Annabel) so important to her?
3. Who was helping Ashlie with taking her stuff to her new apartment?
4. What was Stephen going to do to surprise Ashlie?
5. What happened at the end of the video?

PART 2 – Homes of the Future

Ex. 2 Watch the video and prepare answers to the questions below.

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/flathunting/homes-future>

1. Where is the journalist at the beginning of the film?
2. What is she doing?
3. Why have modern houses been built?
4. Is it possible that in the future we will be living in such modern houses?
5. What's the difference between an ordinary house and a modern one?
6. What is fingerprint recognition technology?
7. Why is control panel called the brain of the house? What can you do with it?
8. What would people like to see in the house of the future?

PART 3 – VOCABULARY

Ex. 3.1 Look at the pictures below and try to figure out their meaning.

ANTIQUUE FURNITURE



ENERGY EFFICIENT



ESTATE AGENT



MOVE IN (to a house) ≠ MOVE OUT (of a house)



PAINTBRUSHES



SHUTTERS



ROCKING CHAIR



WRENCH



RENTAL AGREEMENT



SCREWDRIVER



Ex. 3.2 Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. can't stand
2. to be fed up with sth
3. available
4. to have a look around
5. modern
6. spacious
7. to get rid of sth
8. can't wait
9. to come over
10. to give somebody a hand

Column B

- a) to have had enough of sth
- b) to browse
- c) up-to-date
- d) to throw sth away
- e) to drop in
- f) to look forward to
- g) to help somebody
- h) can't bear
- i) roomy, large
- j) accessible

Ex. 3.3 Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. It's so messy here. I have to clean this place.
2. These photos remind me my carefree childhood.
3. This house is surrounded large trees.
4. We're going to move of our old house next Saturday.
5. Flying cars are a glimpse the future.
6. In the evenings I like to sit and relax by reading a good book.
7. Landform features vary one region to another.
8. Violent films impact young people. As a result they tend to act more roughly and ruthlessly.
9. I think that we don't need our old printer any longer. Shall I throw it?
10. I'm to start painting. I've just prepared all paintbrushes, canvas, easel and paints.
11. My parents aren't going to let my dog the house.
12. Have you heard that Susan bought a new house? When is she going to move?
13. I've brought all your boxes. Now you can start to unpack them or I can help you.
14. Will you come for a drink tomorrow?
15. You should have got rid all this stuff a long time ago.
16. I'm fed with you. Could you please stop making such a horrible noise?
17. Let's go shopping and have a look, shall we?
18. I'm really looking forward going on holiday.
19. Do drop if you happen to be in the area.
20. I really don't like Thomas. I've had enough his rudeness.

Ex. 3.4 Translate the following sentences into English. Use words and expressions from the table below.

fall apart	shutters	give somebody a call
renewable energy	leak	feel at home

1. Kran przecieka, dlatego powinniśmy wezwać hydraulika.
2. Moje mieszkanie się rozpada.
3. Czy zadzwonisz do mnie później?
4. Czuję się tutaj naprawdę swobodnie.
5. Okienne zamykają się automatycznie.
6. Nowoczesne domy wykorzystują energię odnawialną.

PART 4 – Speaking

Ex. 4 Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. Have you ever moved to a bigger / smaller town or a new flat/house?
2. Have you ever rented a flat/house or utility room/some kind of building?
3. What do you have to take into account when you want to rent a flat?
4. Do you think it's easy to rent a flat in your hometown?
5. What do you think about modern houses shown in the last video?
6. What would you like to see in the house of the future?
7. What sorts of housewarming gifts are usually given in your country?

PART 5 – Revision

Ex. 5 Translate into English.

1. Powinieneś się pozbyć tych starych pudeł. –
2. Moje mieszkanie jest przestronne. –
3. Nie znoś/nie cierpię pracować z nieuprzejmymi ludźmi. –
4. Czy mogę się rozejrzeć po sklepie? –
5. Mam naprawdę dosyć deszczowej pogody. –
6. Czy możesz wpaść z wizytą na obiad? –
7. Lubię fotele bujane i antyczne meble. –
8. Nie jestem dostępny w biurze do 7 lipca. –
9. Rura w łazience przecieka. –
10. Nie mogę się doczekać, żeby pojechać na wycieczkę do Rzymu. –
11. On chciał podać mi pomocną dłoń z moim zadaniem domowym. –
12. Napraw dach albo nasz dom się rozleci. –
13. W przyszłości będziemy potrzebowali więcej energii odnawialnej i więcej energooszczędnych rozwiązań. –
14. Czy możesz mi podać śrubokręt? –