



## RENTING AN APARTMENT

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### 1. What Does It cost?

Read the information.

The monthly rent is **\$600**.

The deposit is **\$600**.

Electricity is about **\$40–60** per month.

Water is **\$15** per month.

Internet is **\$25** per month.

The landlord requires the first month's rent and the deposit before you move in.

#### Answer the questions.

1. How much is the monthly rent?
2. How much is the deposit?
3. Is electricity included?
4. How much is the water?
5. How much is internet?
6. How much must you pay before moving in?

### 2. Included Or Not Included?

Read each sentence. Write: I = included

N = not included

1. The rent includes water. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The tenant pays for electricity. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Internet costs an extra \$25. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The deposit is paid before moving in. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Water costs \$15 per month. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Apartment Rules

Read the rules.

#### Apartment Rules

1. No smoking inside the apartment.
2. No parties after 10:00 p.m.
3. Small pets are allowed with permission.
4. Tenants must keep the apartment clean.
5. The tenant must report serious problems to the landlord.
6. No parking in front of the building.

Answer **True** or **False**.

1. You can smoke inside the apartment. \_\_\_\_\_
2. You can have a small pet without asking. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You can have a party at 11:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_
4. You must keep the apartment clean. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You should tell the landlord about serious problems. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You can park in front of the building. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 4. What Would You Ask Before Signing?

You are interested in the apartment.

Write **five questions** you would ask before signing the lease.

Use these ideas:

- rent
- deposit
- bills
- repairs
- pets
- visitors
- parking
- moving out

**Example:**

How much is the deposit?

Now compare your questions with a partner.

Which question is the most important?

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#### REAL ENGLISH BOX

You will often hear:

- “Does that include...?”
- “Is that included in the rent?”
- “Is there an extra charge for...?”
- “How much do I need to pay upfront?”
- “What are the rules about...?”

**Upfront** = before something happens or at the beginning.

## Teacher's Key

### 1. What Does It cost?

1. \$600
2. \$600
3. No
4. \$15
5. \$25
6. \$1,200

### 2. Included Or Not Included?

1-I, 2-N, 3-N, 4-N, 5-N

### 3. Apartment Rules

1-F, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F

**Activity 4: open answers.**