

10 Find a Place to Live that Matches Your Budget

TRANSITION OBJECTIVE

Based on their budget, students will identify a preferred type of housing and complete a rental application.

RELEVANCE TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

Holding unrealistic expectations about the kind of living situation that is in your budget can lead to disappointment and also result in serious property loss. Helping students understand how to develop a budget, complete a rental application and make logical decisions about their living situation is an important way to provide transition support.

INSTRUCTIONAL SEQUENCE

□ STEP 1: Update Journal

Six years from now I will live in a . . .

□ STEP 2: Convene Roundtable

"I think I would like to live in a ____."

□ STEP 3: Advance Organizer

"Today you will locate and apply for a place to live, based on your salary."

□ STEP 4: Activity - 15 Minutes

Have students sit with their roommates from Lesson 9 and spend ten minutes going through magazines to choose pictures of houses. This includes the outside, inside, neighborhood and type of place in which they would like to live. Have students cut out pictures and make a small collage, representing living situations. Have students quickly share one or two details illustrated in their collage.

□ STEP 5: Activity - 15 Minutes

Next, have students read through the handout **Find a Place to Live** representing classified ads and select one to three options. Have them choose the type of housing they prefer from the pictures on the handout **Places to Live**.

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Places to Live

With your roommate, choose where you would like to live.

- Look at your budget from lesson 4. How much can you afford for rent per month? \$ _____
- How much can your roommate spend on the rent per month? \$ _____
- To be fair, decide on an equal amount that each of you will spend on the rent: \$ _____ + \$ _____ = \$ _____ total for rent
- With your roommate, look through the classifieds and online to find a place to live that you like and can afford. Make sure both you and your roommate agree on things like the price, size, location, utilities paid or unpaid, furnished or unfurnished. Write your first two choices on the lines below.
- Both you and your roommate should fill out the rental application. Turn it in with a \$25 application fee to the landlord (teacher). If you do not get your first choice, apply for your second choice.

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Find a Place to Live

Unfurnished Apartments	Furnished Apartments	Houses & Rooms For Rent
<p>AFFORDABLE new two-story, centrally located, modern home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,200/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>NEW BRICK apartment complex. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$800/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>COMFORTABLE two-story, centrally located, modern home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,200/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>EFFICIENCY apartment complex. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>First Class 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>For Rent 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>Market St., Riverfront 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p>	<p>Centrally located, modern, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$800/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>EFFICIENCY 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>Room-Mate 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>CONTEMPORARY 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>ONE LARGE ROOM AVAILABLE 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>RIVERVIEW 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>WILSON STREET 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>Wood Street Home 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p>	<p>Condominium 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$800/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>For Rent 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>House in Riverfront 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$2,000/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>KITCHENETTE 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>QUIET ROOM 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>ROOMS FOR RENT 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$600/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>ST. ORANGE ST. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>143 KENNY 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p> <p>650 BOWWOOD AVENUE 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. \$1,500/month. Call: (805) 555-1234.</p>

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❑ STEP 6: Activity - 15 Minutes

Now have students complete the handout **Rental Application** using information from previous lessons to describe employment and bank information. Students review their own address, phone number, drivers license, car license and credit references to bring them current. Go over a completed sample of the **Rental Application** on a screen image. Have students mark the square labeled, *Find a Place to Live*, on **The Game of Life**. Introduce the concept of credit score and its importance in having and application accepted.

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Rental Application

Applicant Name: _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Phone (Home) () _____ (Work) () _____

DOB: _____ SS# _____ Driv. Lic # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Current Address: _____ How Long? _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current Landlord Name: _____ Phone _____

Employment Information

Current Employer: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Position: _____ Dates of Employment _____

Monthly Salary: _____ Other Income: _____

Bank Information

Bank: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Checking Acct# _____ Savings Acct# _____

Auto Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Lic. Plate # _____

Credit References (credit cards, bank loans, car loans, department store credit)

1. _____ Acct # _____ Amt. owed: _____ Monthly Payment: _____

2. _____ Acct # _____ Amt. owed: _____ Monthly Payment: _____

Do you smoke? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been arrested? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes" Please explain: _____

Everything I have stated in this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that you will verify this application whether or not it is accepted. I authorize you to verify all information contained in this application, including but not limited to my credit score, landlord and employment information.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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❑ STEP 7: Evaluate Outcomes

What is one thing you can do to have enough money to live on your own someday?

❑ STEP 8: Connecting Activity

1. Calculate how much deposit and down payment is needed to rent in your neighborhood. Check the online listings for available rentals in your area and compare them to the handout **Find a Place to Live**.
2. Have students go online and research three credit reporting agencies.

KEY WORDS

credit references

credit score

efficiency

classified ads

preferred

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

- Student Handouts: **Places to Live**, page 110; **Find a Place to Live**, page 111; **Rental Application**, page 112.
- Prepare for collage activity by supplying magazines, glue, markers.
- Prepare to assist students with the classified ad activity.
- Prepare a completed sample of the handout **Rental Application** and make a screen image.

SCANS FOUNDATION SKILLS

- Basic Academic Skills: Reading, Math, Listening, Speaking
- Thinking Skills: Decision Making, Problem Solving, Reasoning
- Personal Qualities: Self-Esteem, Sociability Self-Management, Integrity/Honesty