



Talking to Your Landlord

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Warm Up - Discussion

- Do you live in a house, apartment, or condo?
- What are some apartment problems you've experienced?
- What are some rules for renting apartments where you live?
- Is it better to rent or own your own place? Why?



Apartment Problems

Listen and write down the apartment problems.



Apartment Problems

1. There is mold on the bathroom ceiling.
2. There are mice in the kitchen.
3. There's a broken window in the living room.
4. The neighbours next door always play loud music.
5. The smoke detector in the hallway doesn't work.
6. There's a great big crack in the wall.
7. The building always smells like cigarette smoke.
8. Our toilet is overflowing.
9. The faucet in the kitchen drips.
10. There's water damage throughout the apartment.

Grammar: There Is / There Are

We use there is or there are when we talk about the presence of someone or something.

With sentences that use there is or there are, the noun comes after the verb, be. If the noun is singular, use there is. If the noun is plural, use there are.

You can use there was / there were to talk about the past.

Ex. There are a lot of problems with my apartment.

There is a leak in the pipe under the sink.

There was a loud noise last night.

Dialogue: Talking to a Landlord

Christian and Amy have a problem with their apartment. They call their landlord to help them.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word / words.



Dialogue: Talking to a Landlord

(Telephone rings...) Landlord: Hello?

Christian: Hello. Is this Mr. Grump?

Landlord: 1. _____.

Christian: Hi Mr. Grump. It's Christian calling from apartment 73. Can you come here right 2. _____?

Landlord: What 3. _____ to be the problem?

Christian: Well, actually there are a lot of problems. We've got mice in the kitchen, the toilet is 4. _____ and there 5. _____ mold in the bathroom.

Landlord: Oh 6. _____. I'll be right there.

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Mr. Grump arrives at their apartment.

Amy: Hi. Come on in.

Landlord: Thanks. So you've got some problems?

Amy: Yes, the mice are driving me 7. _____!

Landlord: Ok. I'll call the 8. _____ in a few minutes. What else was wrong?

Christian: Come to the bathroom and I'll 9. _____ you.

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Landlord: Sure. Oh, that's mold on the ceiling all right. And the toilet is overflowing. Do you have a 10. _____ for the toilet.

Christian: Yes, it's under the sink. Here you go.

Landlord: Thanks. I'll fix that right now. And as for the mold, we need to call someone to take a look at that.

Amy: Thank you so 11. _____. We really 12. _____ you coming right away.

Landlord: No 13. _____. I'm happy to help.

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A stylized house icon in a light orange color, centered in the background. It has a simple roof and a chimney on the right side. Surrounding the house are several thick, rounded rectangular bars of the same color, arranged in a semi-circle above the house, resembling sun rays or a decorative border.

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