

FINDING AN APARTMENT

1. Listen to the audio. Then, organize the questions in the correct order.

The screenshot shows a browser window with the address bar containing "http://www.website*reading.com". The page content includes several questions in blue text: "How many bedrooms **are there** in the apartment?", "Is heat included?", "How much is the rent?", "Is there an elevator?", "How many closets **are there** in the apartment?", "Is the apartment available now?", and "What floor is the apartment on?". Below these questions is a paragraph: "If an apartment interests you, you can make an appointment to see it." This is followed by a paragraph starting with "There are several ways to find an apartment. One way is to look online. There are a lot of websites to help you find an apartment. There are often pictures of the building in the 'Apartment for Rent'. There is some kind of map to show you the location of the building." The next paragraph says "Another way to find an apartment is to look in the newspaper. There is an 'Apartments for Rent' section in the back of some newspapers. There are ads for apartments and houses for rent." The final paragraph states "Many newspapers also put this information online. You can also find an apartment by looking at the buildings in the neighborhood where you want to live. There are often 'For Rent' signs on the front of the buildings. There is usually a phone number on the sign. You can call and ask the land lord or manager for information. You can ask:" At the bottom of the page, there are eight empty rectangular boxes with orange borders, intended for the student to write down the questions from the screenshot in the correct order.

2. Listen to the rest of the audio, and write down “*Is there*” or “*are there*”

If an apartment interests you, you can make an appointment to see it.

When you go to see the apartment, ask:

- a lease? How long is the lease?
- a janitor or manager?
- a parking space for each apartment? Is it free, or do I have to pay extra?
- smoke detectors?
- a laundry room in the building? Where is it?

The landlord sometimes asks you a few questions, such as:

- How many people **are there** in your family?
- Do you have any pets?

Look at the apartment carefully before you sign the lease.

If **there are** some problems, ask the landlord to fix them before you move in.

3. Use www.vocaroo.com, and the vocabulary below to describe your house. Use “*There is, there are*”.

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| 1. closet / in the apartment | 5. elevator / in the building |
| 2. two beds / in the apartment | 6. numbers / of doors in the apart |
| 3. private bath / in every room | 7. fireplace / in the apartment |
| 4. big or small kitchen / in the apart | 8. laundry room / in the apart |