

ANA FINDS AN APARTMENT!

Ana, her husband Mario, and their four-year-old son, Antonio, just moved to North Carolina. They need a temporary place to call home until they get settled into their new surroundings. Right now, they are staying in a hotel not far from Mario's job. Ana begins a search for an apartment for the family to live in. First, Ana picks up an Apartment Book at the local newspaper stand. The Apartment Book contains listings of all the major apartment complexes in her area. Ana starts by looking at the prices for apartments in the Apartment Book.

Then, she reads about the amenities that each apartment complex offers. For example, some apartments have a clubhouse. Some have a gym, which is also called a fitness center. Some have a pool. Some have all of these! Ana notices that the more amenities an apartment complex has, the more it costs each month. She wants the family's new apartment to be nice, but she does not want to spend too much money on it.

Ana and Mario are trying to save money to buy a house. After considering prices, amenities, and locations, Ana finds several apartment complexes that she thinks the family will like. Ana calls the apartment complexes. She sets up appointments with the apartment managers to see the apartments she thinks are interesting. Ana makes five phone calls in total. When Mario gets back to the hotel from work, Ana shows him the list of apartments. "These look good," he says. The next day, while Mario is at work and Antonio is at daycare, Ana visits the apartment complexes. She likes the fifth one the best. It is in a good school district. It has a pool, but no fitness center or clubhouse. It is near Mario's job. Ana hopes to find a job nearby as well.

When Ana gets back to the hotel, she discusses all that she has seen with Mario. They decide to rent the last apartment Ana saw. The next day, Ana calls the manager of the apartment complex with the news. The manager asks Ana and Mario to sign a lease and pay a security deposit. If the family damages the apartment in any way while they are living there, the security deposit will help to pay for the cost of repairs. Ana and Mario sign a lease and pay the money. The manager asks them when they plan to move in and Ana looks up at Mario. He looks back at her for a moment and then tells the manager, "In a few days." Finally, they have a place to stay.

Questions: Choose the best option.

1) What kind of book does Ana get?

A. a City Guide Book

C. a House Book

B. a Map Book

D. an Apartment Book

2) What did Ana consider while looking through the Apartment Book? I. school districts II. amenities III. locations

A. I only

C. II and III

B. I and II

D. I, II, and III

3) Where is Ana's family staying while they look for a place to call home?

A. in an apartment close to Mario's work

C. in Ana's mother's house

D. in a hotel near Mario's work

B. at an apartment next to Antonio's school

4) What does Ana realize as she looks through the Apartment Book?

A. that the nicest apartments are far away

C. that it is easy to find a nice apartment in a good school district

B. that all the apartments are small and cramped

D. that the number of amenities is related to cost

5) Why doesn't Ana want to spend too much money on an apartment?

A. Her husband will get upset.

C. She cannot find one she likes.

B. She does not have the money.

D. She wants to save money for a house.

6) As described in the beginning of the story, which of the following is not mentioned as an amenity?

A. carpet

C. fitness center

B. clubhouse

D. pool Questions (continued)

7) What makes Ana like the fifth apartment best? I. It has many amenities. II. It is near Mario's job. III. It is in a good school district.

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| A. I only | C. II and III |
| B. I and II | D. I, II, and III |

8) Where is Antonio while Ana looks at apartments?

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| A. at daycare | C. at school |
| B. at the hotel | D. at work |

9) As described in the middle of the story, what does it mean to consider something?

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| A. to rent it | C. to make it happen |
| B. to think about it | D. to read a book about it |

10) When will the family move into their new apartment?

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| A. the next day | C. in three or four days |
| B. at the first of the month | D. in just over a week |