

Nancy: Hello?

Mari: May I speak to Nancy, please?

Nancy: Speaking.

Mari: Uh hi, uh, my name is Mari, and I'm calling about the room for rent. I saw your ad at the campus housing office.

Nancy: Oh, right. OK, uh, are you a student?

Mari: Well, right now I'm just studying English, but I'm planning to start college full-time in March.

Nancy: I see. Where are you living now?

Mari: I've been living in a house with some other students, but I don't like it there.

Nancy: Why? What's the problem?

Mari: Well, first of all, it's really noisy, and it's not very clean. The other people in the house are real slobs. I mean they never lift a finger to clean up after themselves. It really bugs me! I need a place that's cleaner and more private.

Nancy: Well, it's really quiet here. We're not home very much.

Mari: What do you do?

Nancy: I teach English at the college.

Mari: Wait a minute! Didn't we meet yesterday at the placement exam?

Nancy: Oh... you're the girl from Japan! What was your name again?

Mari: Mari.

Nancy: Right. What a small world!

Mari: It really is. By the way, who else lives in the house? The ad said there are three people.

Nancy: Well, besides me, there's my husband, Andrew, and my cousin, Jeff. He's a musician and a part-time student. Uh, are you OK with having roommates?

Mari: Sure, as long as they're clean and not too noisy.

Nancy: Don't worry. They're both easy to live with.

Mari: OK. Um, is the neighborhood safe?

Nancy: Oh sure. We haven't had any problems, and you can walk to school from here.

Mari: Well, it sounds really nice. When can I come by and see it?

Nancy: Can you make it this evening around five? Then you can meet the guys too.

Mari: Yeah, five o'clock is good. What's the address?

Nancy: It's 3475 Hayworth Avenue. Do you know where that is?

Mari: No, I don't.

Nancy: OK. From University Village you go seven blocks east on Olympic Avenue. At the intersection

of Olympic and Alfred, there's a stoplight. Turn left and go up one and a half blocks. Our house is in the middle of the block on the left.

Mari: That sounds easy.

Nancy: Yeah, you can't miss it. Listen, I've got to go. Someone's at the door. See you this evening.

Mari: OK, see you later.