

CLB 3-Housing-Reading Comprehension Skill Building

Name: _____

Date: _____

My Dream Home



My name is Anita and I live in an apartment with my husband and my new baby. We have lived here for 3 years. One thing I liked about our apartment when we first moved is that it is downtown and very close to my husband's job, so we don't need a car. Unfortunately, there are many things I don't like about our apartment. It is very small and it has only 1 bedroom so the baby has

to sleep in our room. This is a problem because when my husband wakes up early to go to work, he always wakes up the baby too. Another problem is that we have very noisy neighbors upstairs with a loud dog. There has also been more crime in the area and I don't feel safe living here with a new baby.

Now that we have a baby, I want to move to a quiet neighborhood in the suburbs and rent a townhouse. We can't afford to buy a home yet, as we only have 1 income since only my husband works. I don't want to work right now as I want to stay home with my baby until she is older.

I found a townhouse for rent in the newspaper that is only \$100 more a month than it costs to rent our apartment. Living in the city sure is expensive. The townhouse has everything I want. It has a large kitchen so I have space to cook, which I love. It has 2 bedrooms, so my daughter can have her own room. It has laundry room which is perfect as we a lot of laundry because of the new baby and I don't like sharing a washing machine with strangers. The townhouse comes with a fridge, stove and washer and dryer.

Unfortunately, my husband doesn't want to move. He likes living downtown because he can walk to work. He doesn't want to commute to work and be stuck in traffic each day. Instead, he wants to save money so that one day we can buy a house. I am worried it will take too long to save money. I want to move now!

Comprehension Questions

- Where do they live now?
a. house b. apartment c. townhouse
- How long have they lived there? _____ years
- The townhouse rent costs a. more b. less than the apartment.
- How many appliances come with the townhouse?
a. 3 b. 4 c. 5

5. Why doesn't her husband want to move?
- a. he doesn't want to drive to work
 - b. he wants to save money for a house
 - c. he likes walking to work
 - d. all of the above
6. Where did she find the townhouse for rent?
- a. online
 - b. newspaper
 - c. real estate agent
7. What are some of the things Anita doesn't like about her apartment?
- a. size
 - b. safety
 - c. noise
 - d. all of the above
8. Both Anita and her husband work.
- a. True
 - b. False
9. What are some things she likes about the townhouse?
- _____
10. Would you like to live an apartment downtown or a townhouse in the suburbs?
Why? 2 points
- _____