

READING COMPREHENSION

Looking for an Apartment

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the text carefully.

When Nora started her new job in the city, she decided to rent an apartment closer to her workplace. Her old home was comfortable, but the daily journey took almost an hour each way. She wanted to save time and have more time to relax after work.

Nora contacted a rental agency and explained what she was looking for. She wanted a two-bedroom apartment in a quiet neighborhood, preferably near a supermarket and a bus stop. Her monthly budget was 3,000 riyals, and she hoped to find a place that included some furniture.

The rental agent showed her three apartments. The first was large and modern, but the rent was 3,800 riyals per month, which was more than Nora could afford. The second was within her budget, but it was far from public transportation. The third apartment was smaller, but it was close to her workplace, a supermarket, and several cafés.

Nora liked the third apartment, but she noticed that the kitchen refrigerator was old and the bedroom windows did not close properly. She asked the landlord whether these problems could be fixed before she moved in. The landlord agreed to repair the windows and replace the refrigerator. He also explained that the rent did not include electricity or water bills.

Before signing the rental agreement, Nora carefully read the terms. She checked the length of the rental period, the payment date, and the rules about making changes to the apartment. She also asked about the security deposit, which she would pay at the beginning of the rental period and might get back when she moved out, depending on the apartment's condition and the agreement.

In the end, Nora decided to rent the third apartment. Although it was not the biggest or most modern option, it met most of her needs. She understood that choosing a home was not only about its size or appearance. Location, cost, and the condition of the apartment were just as important.

Part 1: Multiple-choice questions

Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Nora want to move?

- A. Her old home was too small.
- B. She wanted to live closer to work.
- C. Her landlord asked her to leave.

2. What was Nora's monthly budget?

- A. 2,000 riyals
- B. 3,000 riyals
- C. 3,800 riyals

3. Why did Nora reject the first apartment?

- A. It was too expensive.
- B. It had no furniture.
- C. It was far from her workplace.

4. What problem did Nora find in the third apartment?

- A. It was in a noisy neighborhood.
- B. It had no nearby supermarket.
- C. The refrigerator was old and the windows did not close properly.

5. What did Nora learn about the rent?

- A. It included all bills.
- B. She had to pay electricity and water separately.
- C. She did not need to pay a deposit.

Part 2: True or false?

Write True or False. Correct the false sentences.

1. Nora wanted to spend less time travelling to work. _____

Correction (if false): _____

2. The first apartment was within Nora's budget. _____

Correction (if false): _____

3. The second apartment was close to public transportation. _____

Correction (if false): _____

4. The landlord agreed to repair the windows and replace the refrigerator. _____

Correction (if false): _____

5. Nora's rent included electricity and water bills. _____

Correction (if false): _____

6. Nora chose the largest apartment. _____

Correction (if false): _____

Part 3: Answer in complete sentences

1. What three things did Nora want in her new neighborhood?

2. Why was the second apartment not a good choice for Nora?

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3. What two repairs did Nora request?

4. Why was it important for Nora to read the rental agreement carefully?

5. Why did Nora choose the third apartment even though it was smaller and less modern?

Part 4: Vocabulary in context

Find a word or phrase in the reading that means:

1. The money a person can spend on something: _____
2. A person who owns a property and rents it to others: _____
3. A company or office that helps people find rental properties: _____
4. The money paid at the beginning of a rental period that may be returned later:

5. The conditions or rules in a written agreement: _____

Part 5: Think and discuss

1. If you were Nora, would you choose the third apartment? Why or why not?

2. What are two important things to check before renting an apartment?

3. Would you prefer a bigger apartment far from work or a smaller apartment near work? Explain your answer.

TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

Part 1: Multiple choice

1. B 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. B

Part 2: True or false

1. True.
2. False. The first apartment cost 3,800 riyals, which was over her budget.
3. False. The second apartment was far from public transportation.
4. True.
5. False. Electricity and water bills were not included in the rent.
6. False. Nora chose the smaller third apartment.

Part 3: Suggested answers

1. She wanted a quiet neighborhood near a supermarket and a bus stop.
2. It was far from public transportation.
3. She asked the landlord to repair the windows and replace the refrigerator.
4. She needed to understand the rental period, payment date, rules, and security deposit.
5. It was close to her workplace and nearby services, and it met most of her needs.

Part 4: Vocabulary

1. Budget 2. Landlord 3. Rental agency 4. Security deposit 5. Terms

Part 5: Answers will vary. Students should explain their opinions clearly.